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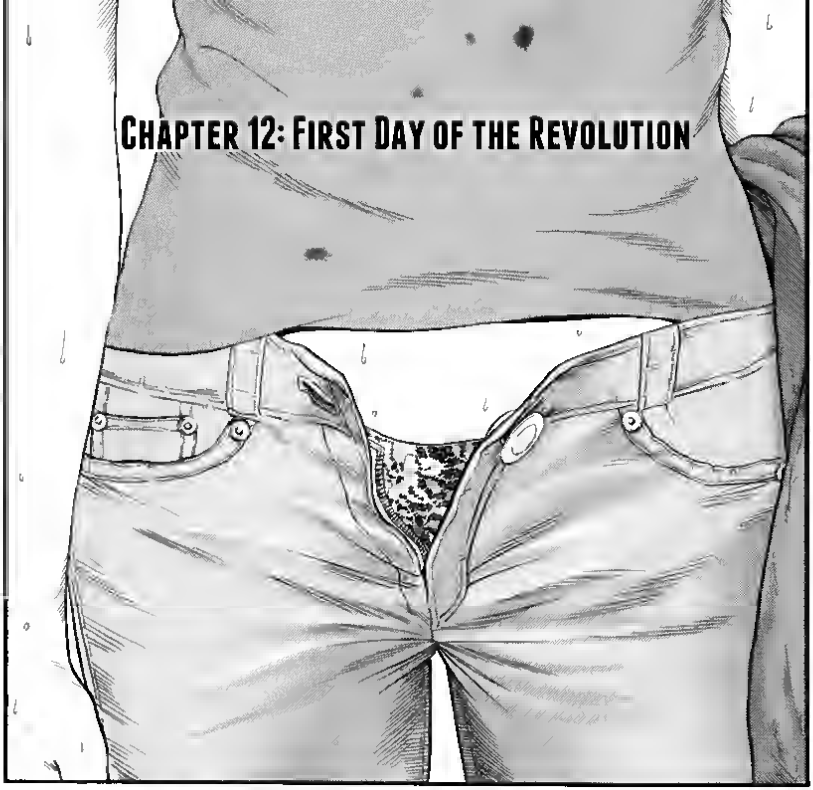
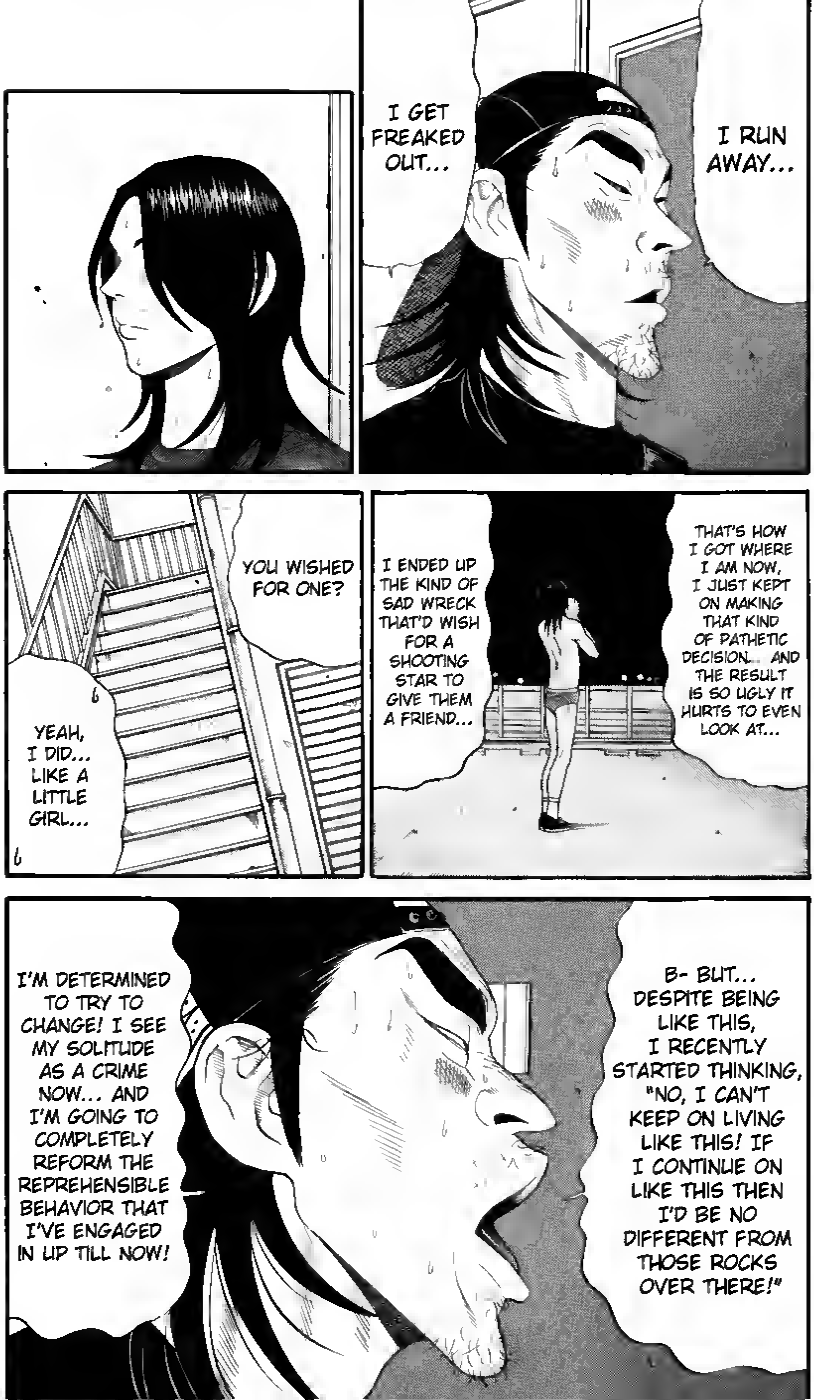
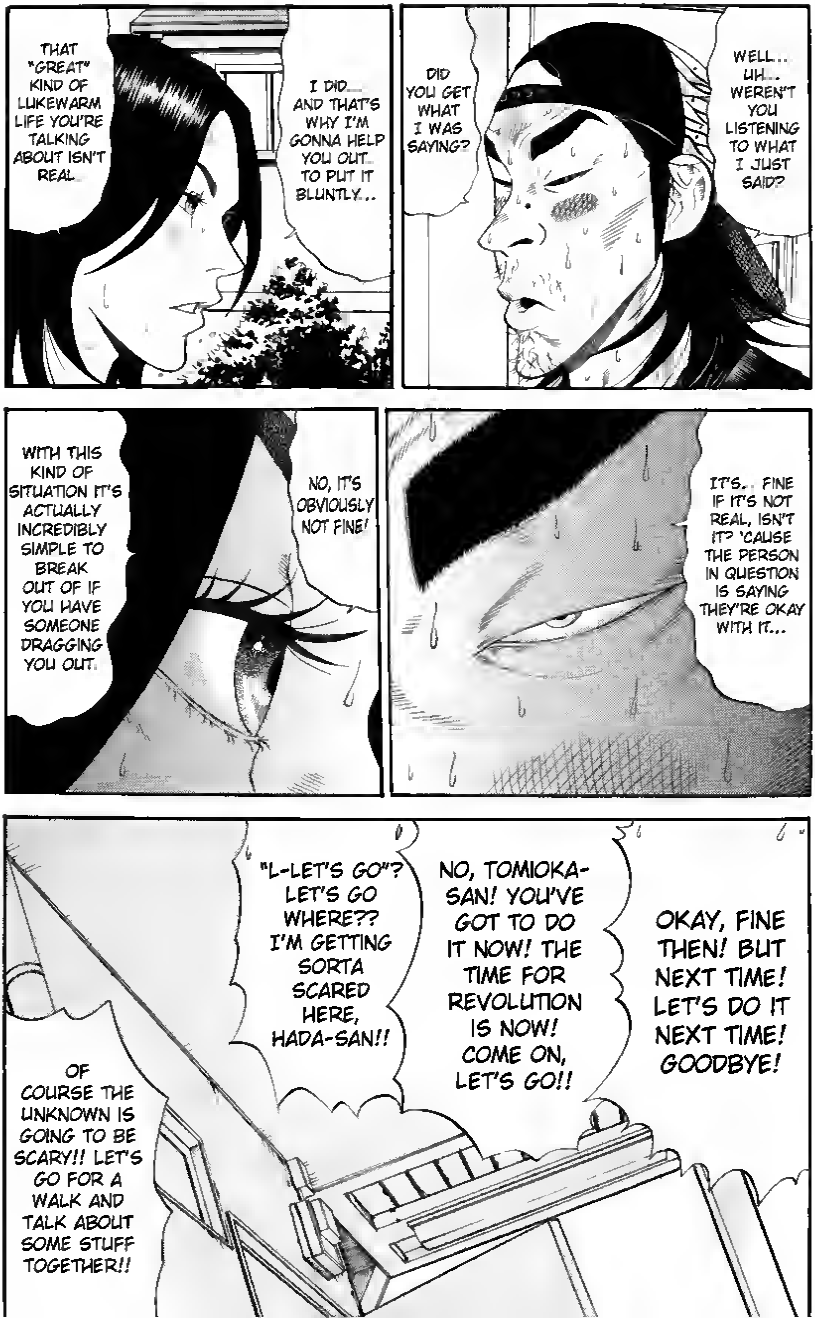
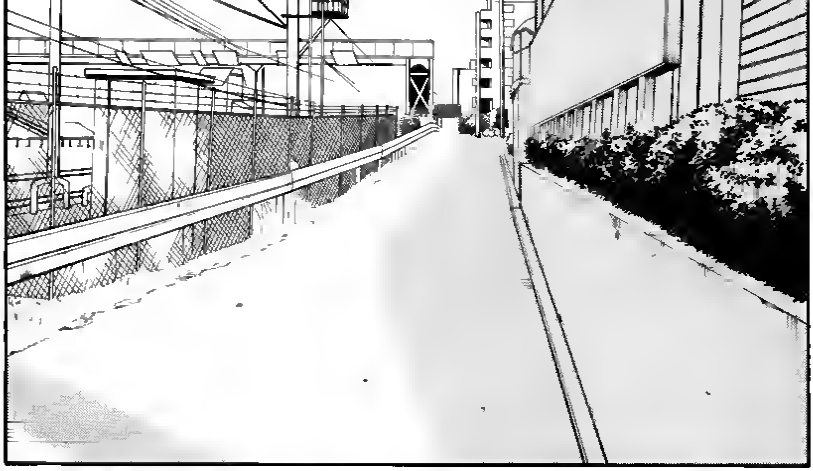


...SORRY ABOUT THAT.
SNIFF
...SO, HOW ABOUT IT?
COULD YOU CONSIDER ME BEING A FRIEND THAT YOU'D BE ABLE TO HAVE A LIVELY CONVERSATION WITH?
OR WOULD YOU BE MORE LIKE, "A GIRL? YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME. NO FRIGGIN WAY MAN. NO THANKS."
UHM, WELL... I...
..BASICALLY IN THIS KINDA SITUATION. ..


I GET FREAKED OUT...
I RUN AWAY...
YOU WISHED FOR ONE?
YEAH, I DID... LIKE A LITTLE GIRL...
I ENDED UP THE KIND OF SAD WRECK THAT'D WISH FOR A SHOOTING STAR TO GIVE THEM A FRIEND...
THAT'S HOW I GOT WHERE I AM NOW, I JUST KEPT ON MAKING THAT KIND OF PATHETIC DECISION... AND THE RESULT IS SO UGLY IT HURTS TO EVEN LOOK AT...
I'M DETERMINED TO TRY TO CHANGE! I SEE MY SOLITUDE AS A CRIME NOW... AND I'M GOING TO COMPLETELY REFORM THE REPREHENSIBLE BEHAVIOR THAT I'VE ENGAGED IN UP TILL NOW!
B- BUT... DESPITE BEING LIKE THIS, I RECENTLY STARTED THINKING, "NO, I CAN'T KEEP ON LIVING LIKE THIS! IF I CONTINUE ON LIKE THIS THEN I'D BE NO DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ROCKS OVER THERE!"

...NO, WHY?
I'M GETTING THESE SIGNALS FROM MY BRAIN TELLING ME EVERYDAY TO GET THE HELL OUT, BUT I NEVER DO... DO YOU KNOW WHY?
AND EVENTUALLY, I KNOW THAT I'M GONNA NEED A REVOLUTION TO HAPPEN! I NEED TO GET OUT OF THIS LUKEWARM LIFE I'VE GOT GOING ON!
I'M EXAGGERATING A BIT HERE BUT... IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN MAKE FOR YOURSELF EVEN IF YOU'RE LIKE A KING, OR LIKE, YOU GOT A LOTTA MONEY...
IT'S 'CAUSE I KNEW ALL ALONG... THAT THIS KIND OF LUKEWARM LIFE MIGHT ACTUALLY BE SOMETHING UNIQUELY AMAZING...
THEN... DO YOU WANT ME TO DRAG YOU OUT OF THAT LIFE?
YEAH, SO... JUST BEING PLAIN IS SORTA LIKE... THE BEST KINDA BALANCE..
... PEOPLE WITH POWER HAVE SOCIETAL OBLIGATIONS... AND THAT'S NOT FUN TO DEAL WITH


THAT "GREAT" KIND OF LUKEWARM LIFE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ISN'T REAL.
I DID... AND THAT'S WHY I'M GONNA HELP YOU OUT. TO PUT IT BLUNTLY...
DID YOU GET WHAT I WAS SAYING?
WELL... UH... WEREN'T YOU LISTENING TO WHAT I JUST SAID?
WITH THIS KIND OF SITUATION IT'S ACTUALLY INCREDIBLY SIMPLE TO BREAK OUT OF IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE DRAGGING YOU OUT.
NO, IT'S OBVIOUSLY NOT FINE!
IT'S... FINE IF IT'S NOT REAL, ISN'T IT? 'CAUSE THE PERSON IN QUESTION IS SAYING THEY'RE OKAY WITH IT...
OF COURSE THE UNKNOWN IS GOING TO BE SCARY!! LET'S GO FOR A WALK AND TALK ABOUT SOME STUFF TOGETHER!!
"L-LET'S GO"? LET'S GO WHERE?? I'M GETTING SORTA SCARED HERE, HADA-SAN!!
NO, TOMIOKA-SAN! YOU'VE GOT TO DO IT NOW! THE TIME FOR REVOLUTION IS NOW! COME ON, LET'S GO!!
OKAY, FINE THEN! BUT NEXT TIME! LET'S DO IT NEXT TIME! GOODBYE!

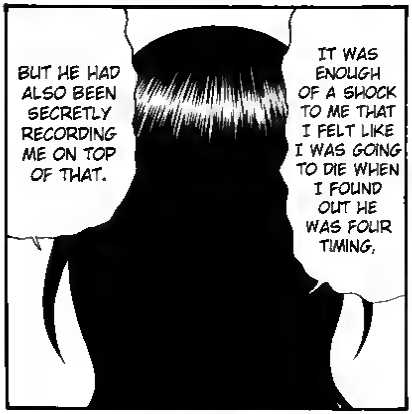


AH...
YOU CAN SEE THE MOON... THE AFTERNOON MOON...

I BELIEVED THAT PRETTY SERIOUSLY...
WHEN I WAS SMALL.. I THOUGHT THE MOON BELONGED TO ME ALONE... LIKE, SECRETLY...
OH, YEAH.. YOU'RE RIGHT...
WHEN I FINISHED KINDER-GARTEN... EITHER MY MOM OR MY FRIEND COULDN'T BELIEVE I STILL THOUGHT THAT AND MADE SURE I KNEW OTHERWISE.
... WHEN DID YOU REALIZE IT WASN'T? Y'KNOW... LIKE, THAT IT BELONGED TO EVERYONE...
DIDN'T BELONG TO ME ALONE EITHER, UNFORTU-NATELY...
THE GUY WHO I WAS DATING A FEW YEARS AGO...

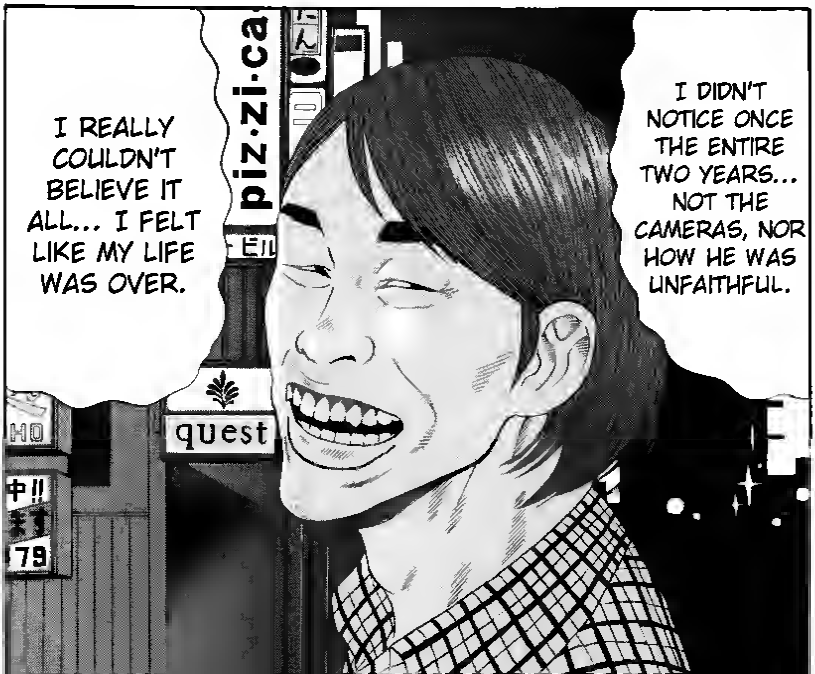
INCLUDING ME THE TOTAL WAS 4 PEOPLE.

...UH.. SO YOU MEAN . THAT HE HAD OTHER GIRLS THAT HE WAS GOING OUT WITH?
YES...


BUT HE HAD ALSO BEEN SECRETLY RECORDING ME ON TOP OF THAT.
IT WAS ENOUGH OF A SHOCK TO ME THAT I FELT LIKE I WAS GOING TO DIE WHEN I FOUND OUT HE WAS FOUR TIMING.

W.....WOW, THAT'S SOMETHING HE MUST'VE BEEN REALLY GOOD LOOKING THEN... AND TOUGH... AND.. ONE OF A KIND?
NOT AT ALL... IN MOST WAYS HE WAS THE KIND OF PERSON THAT WAS THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE OF THAT.

HE HAD SMALL HIDDEN CAMERAS SET UP ALL OVER THE HOUSE.
THERE WERE THREE CAMERAS AROUND THE BED... TWO IN THE SHOWER... ONE IN THE TOILET AND THE CLOSET...


I REALLY COULDN'T BELIEVE IT ALL... I FELT LIKE MY LIFE WAS OVER.
I DIDN'T NOTICE ONCE THE ENTIRE TWO YEARS... NOT THE CAMERAS, NOR HOW HE WAS UNFAITHFUL.
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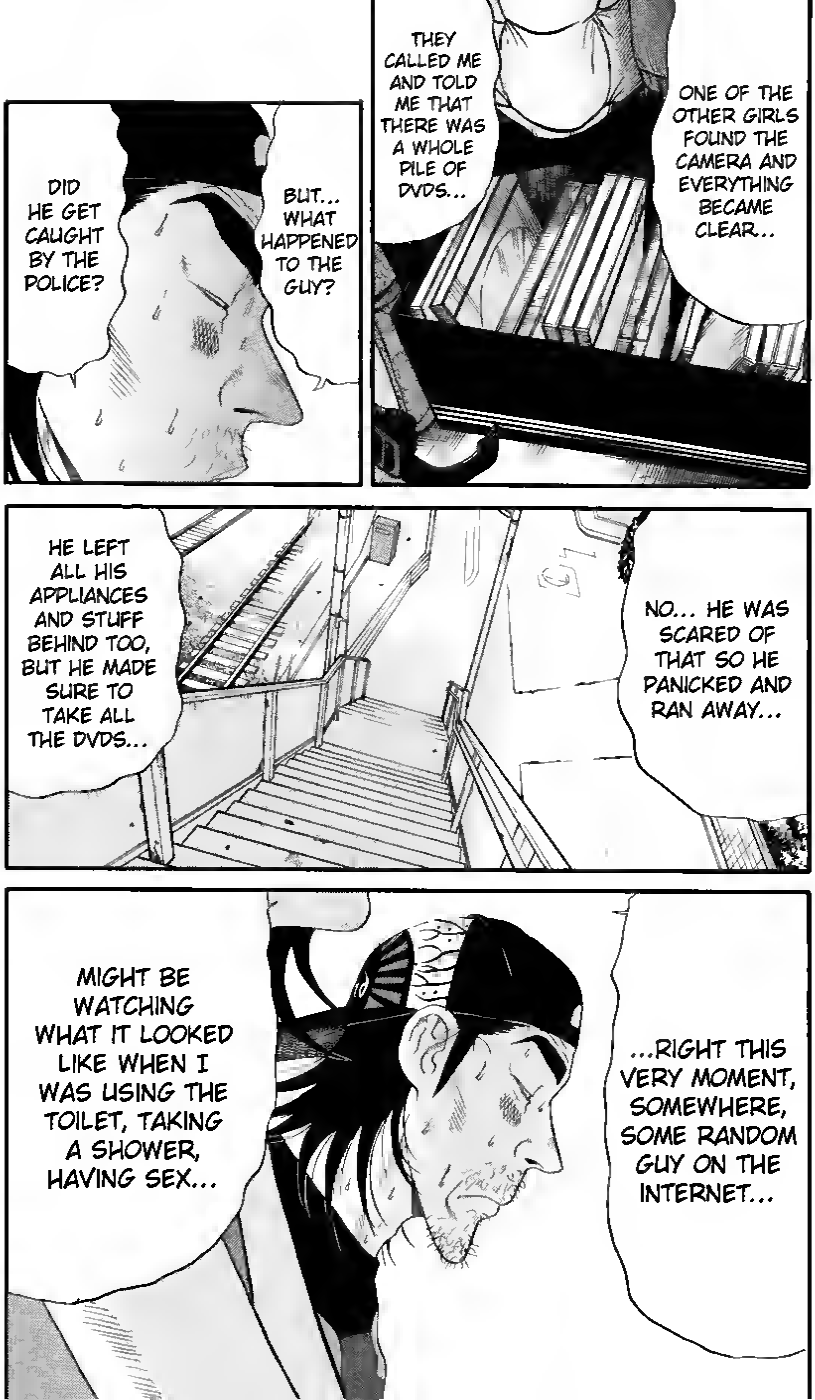
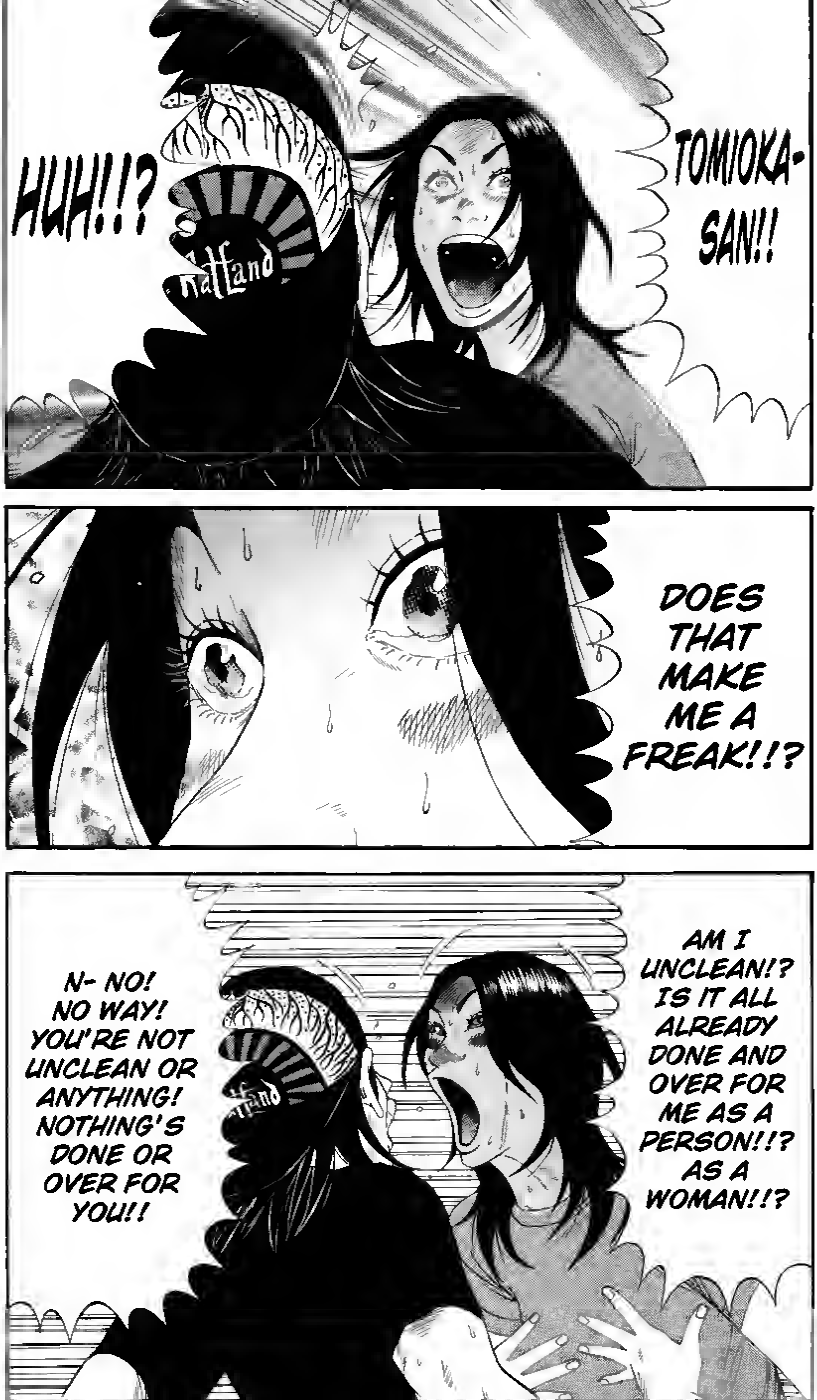

ONE OF THE OTHER GIRLS FOUND THE CAMERA AND EVERYTHING BECAME CLEAR...
THEY CALLED ME AND TOLD ME THAT THERE WAS A WHOLE PILE OF DVDS...
BUT... WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GUY?
DID HE GET CAUGHT BY THE POLICE?
NO... HE WAS SCARED OF THAT SO HE PANICKED AND RAN AWAY...
HE LEFT ALL HIS APPLIANCES AND STUFF BEHIND TOO, BUT HE MADE SURE TO TAKE ALL THE DVDS...
...RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT, SOMEWHERE, SOME RANDOM GUY ON THE INTERNET...
MIGHT BE WATCHING WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE WHEN I WAS USING THE TOILET, TAKING A SHOWER, HAVING SEX...

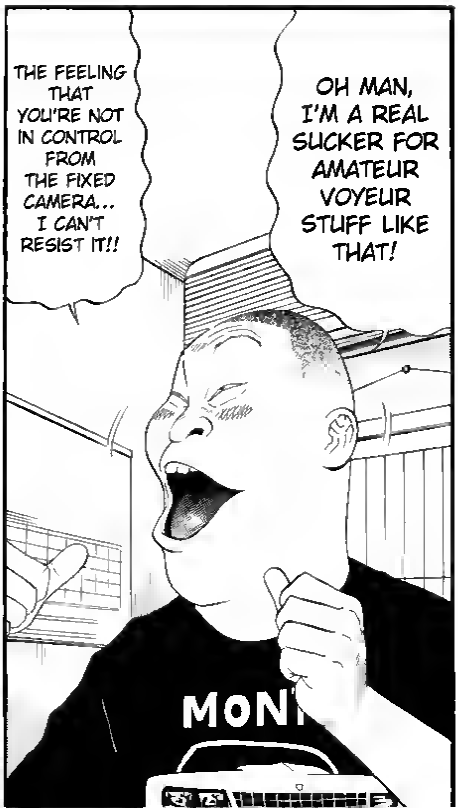

HUH!!?
TOMIOKA-SAN!!
DOES THAT MAKE ME A FREAK!!?
N- NO! NO WAY! YOU'RE NOT UNCLEAN OR ANYTHING! NOTHING'S DONE OR OVER FOR YOU!!
AM I UNCLEAN!? IS IT ALL ALREADY DONE AND OVER FOR ME AS A PERSON!!? AS A WOMAN!!?

WHAT!!?
TOMIOKA-SAN!!!
IT'S OKAY! YOU'RE CLEAN! YOU'RE CLEAN!!
I MEAN, LOOK, YOU WERE MISLEAD! YOU JUST DIDN'T KNOW!!
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THAT!!?
I HEARD FROM A CERTAIN SOMEONE BEFORE THAT YOU WERE A HOMO-SEXUAL!!
THEY GOT IT WRONG! THEY GOT IT COMPLETELY, UTTERLY WRONG!!
W-WHAT!? WHAT THE HELL!!? WHO WOULD SAY THAT!!?

YEAH, I TOTALLY DO! I LOVE ME SOME TITTIES!!
YOU LIKE BOOBS? YOU A BOOB MAN!!?
YEAH, GIRLS ARE GREAT! I LOVE 'EM!!
SO THEN, WHAT!? YOU LIKE GIRLS!?
I'M GOING HOME.
TURN
WHA-!!?

AHH... I FEEL LIKE A WEIGHT HAS BEEN LIFTED OFF MY BACK...
THAT STUFF I TOLD YOU... THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER TALKED TO ANYONE ABOUT IT.
LET'S GO AND GET SOME FOOD TOGETHER NEXT TIME..
W... WHAT JUST HAPPENED? ...WHAT IS WITH HER...?
...HEY, ALL SHE DID WAS TALK ABOUT HERSELF...
WELL... MAYBE SHE WANTED ME TO LISTEN TO WHAT SHE HAD TO SAY:..
I WONDER IF I WAS OF ANY HELP TO HER AT ALL.

THOSE JUST PLAIN SUCK! THEY'RE NOT EVEN WORTH THE TIME!!
YOU KNOW HOW A LOT OF IT'S SHOT TO LOOK LIKE IT'S LIKE THAT?


THE FEELING THAT YOU'RE NOT IN CONTROL FROM THE FIXED CAMERA... I CAN'T RESIST IT!!
OH MAN, I'M A REAL SUCKER FOR AMATEUR VOYEUR STUFF LIKE THAT!

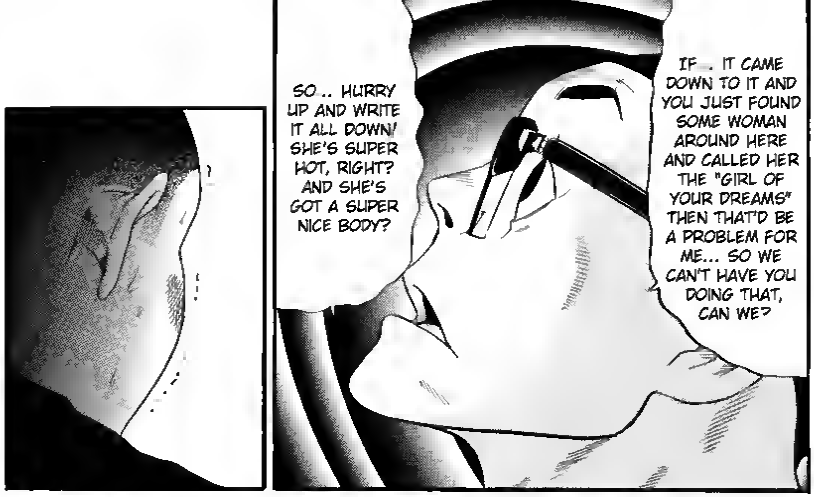
—I see— so if these are the kinds of people that'd watch it then.—
HMM...

I MEAN, IT'S NOT EXACTLY LIKE SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT... BUT IT'D BE LIKE, "SO!? HOW ABOUT HER!? YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SEE!?"
UH.. CAN I BE HONEST WITH YOU? I'D BE ALL ABOUT THAT!
AND FOR WHATEVER REASON SEXY PICTURES OF HER WERE FLOATING AROUND ON THE NET. HOW WOULD THAT MAKE YOU FEEL?
THEN... WHAT IF... YOU WERE GOING OUT WITH THAT DREAM GIRL OF YOURS...

HUH!? YOU'RE TAKING AWAY POINTS!? YOU DIDN'T SAY NOTHIN' 'BOUT NO POINT SYSTEM!!
THAT'S MINUS TWO POINTS.
NOW IT'S CLEAR.. YOU'RE JUST ONE OF THOSE FREAKS THAT CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW OTHER PEOPLE MIGHT FEEL...

I MEAN, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'D KNOW, RIGHT!? SO NO MATTER HOW IT TURNS OUT IT'S GONNA BE MY BET TO WIN!
KEKEKE!!!!
IF IT COMES DOWN TO IT, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GRAB SOME LADY FROM AROUND HERE AND JUST SAY, "HEY, SHE'S THE GIRL OF MY DREAMS!"
MONTE
EHEHEH... ACTUALLY I CAME UP WITH A SUPER GREAT IDEA YESTERDAY!
BY THE WAY, HANABAYASHI-KUN. ARE YOU GONNA BE ALL RIGHT? DO YOU THINK YOU'LL FIND THAT GIRL OF YOUR DREAMS?

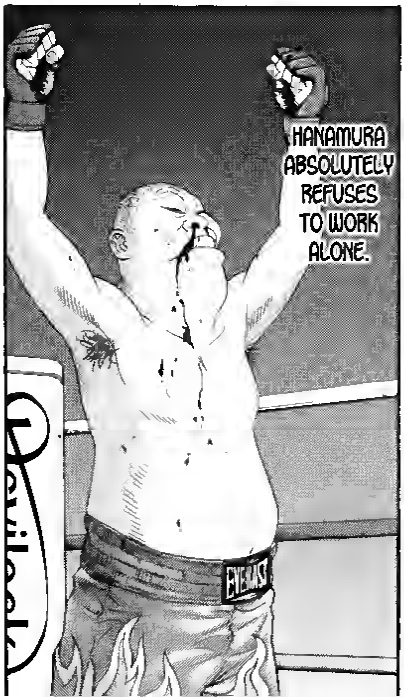
SWING
OH, HERE COMES THE LOSER!
CHAK CHAK
I BOUGHT A NOTE-BOOK.
HM? D'YOU GO TO THE STORE? WHAT'D YOU GET?
WHY?
WHAT?
NOW... YOU'RE GOING TO WRITE DOWN ALL THE DETAILS ABOUT YOUR DREAM GIRL IN HERE
EVERYTHING RIGHT DOWN TO THE LOCATIONS OF HER MOLES. I WANT PICTURES AND DESCRIPTIONS.

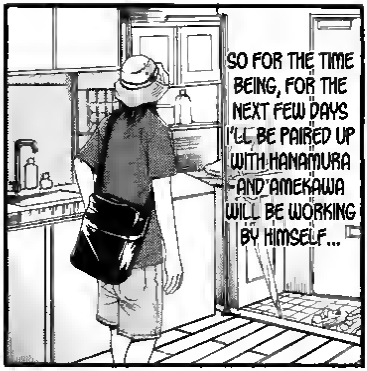

SO .. HURRY UP AND WRITE IT ALL DOWN! SHE'S SUPER HOT, RIGHT? AND SHE'S GOT A SUPER NICE BODY?
IF .. IT CAME DOWN TO IT AND YOU JUST FOUND SOME WOMAN AROUND HERE AND CALLED HER THE "GIRL OF YOUR DREAMS" THEN THAT'D BE A PROBLEM FOR ME... SO WE CAN'T HAVE YOU DOING THAT, CAN WE?

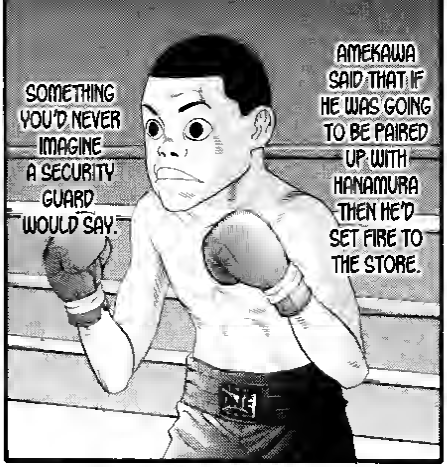
HANABAYASHI-KUN. THIS GUY IS SERIOUS IF YOU ASK ME. HE'S THE RARE TYPE OF PERSON WHO'D ACTUALLY MAKE SOMEONE EAT HIS SHIT. Y'KNOW?

I'M... NOT REALLY PICKING ON YOU. I'M JUST FOLLOWING THROUGH ON A PROMISE... NOW STOP COMPLAINING AND GET WRITING.
QUIT IT, BOSS!! AHH MAN, I DON'T LIKE THIS! AREN'T YOU ALL PICKIN' ON ME!?
AND, HANABAYASHI-KUN, HE MIGHT BE SMALL, BUT HE'S CAPABLE OF SOME REAL CRAZY CRAP STUFF THAT'LL LEAVE YOU QUESTIONING WHAT THE HELL HE'S GOT GOING ON IN THAT HEAD OF HIS...

Chapter 13: Gathering Data



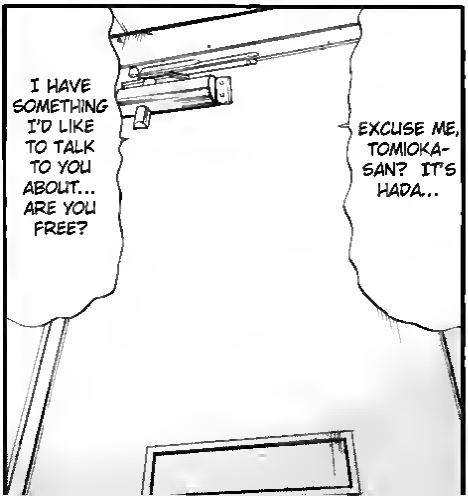

SO FOR THE TIME BEING, FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS I'LL BE PAIRED UP WITH HANAMURA AND AMEKAWA WILL BE WORKING BY HIMSELF...


SOMETHING YOU'D NEVER IMAGINE A SECURITY GUARD WOULD SAY.
AMEKAWA SAID THAT IF HE WAS GOING TO BE PAIRED UP WITH HANAMURA THEN HE'D SET FIRE TO THE STORE.

KNOCK KNOCK

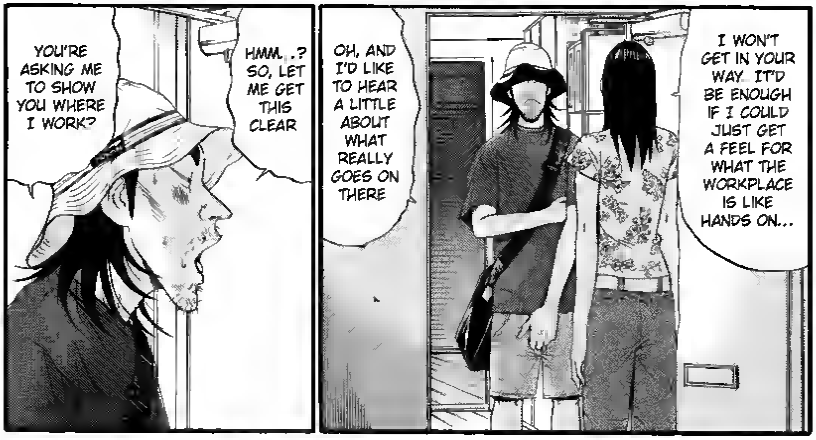
Am I just going to have to let those shit obsessed idiots have their way?
God dammit But why? i should be on the top of the totem pole, so why am I the one putting up with this..?

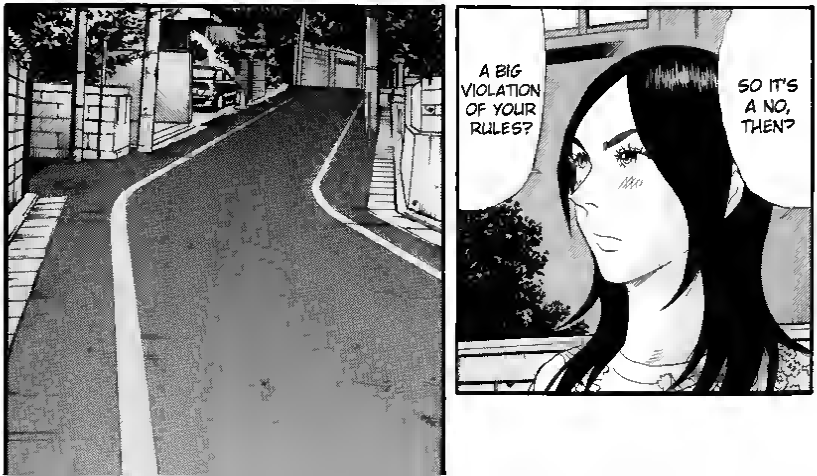
KLAK


I HAVE SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT... ARE YOU FREE?
EXCUSE ME, TOMIOKA-SAN? IT'S HADA...

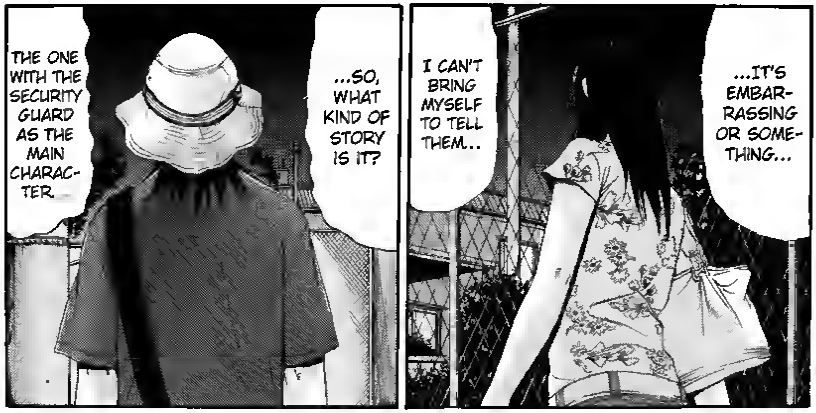
...HELLO.
...HEY.
...SO...
WHAT DID YOU WANT?
YOU'RE NOT HERE TO REPORT TO ME THAT YOU CHANGED YOUR HAIR-STYLE OR SOMETHING .. ARE YOU?
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M HERE FOR.
He's still scared of me

SO, I'VE ACTUALLY BEEN WRITING THIS NOVEL ALL THIS TIME WHILE WORKING PART TIME.
AND THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED YOUR INPUT ON .
THIS NEXT PART THAT I'M PLANNING TO WRITE IS ABOUT A SECURITY GUARD...
SO I WAS THINKING, IF IT WAS OKAY WITH YOU, MAYBE I COULD GATHER SOME DATA WHERE YOU WORK.

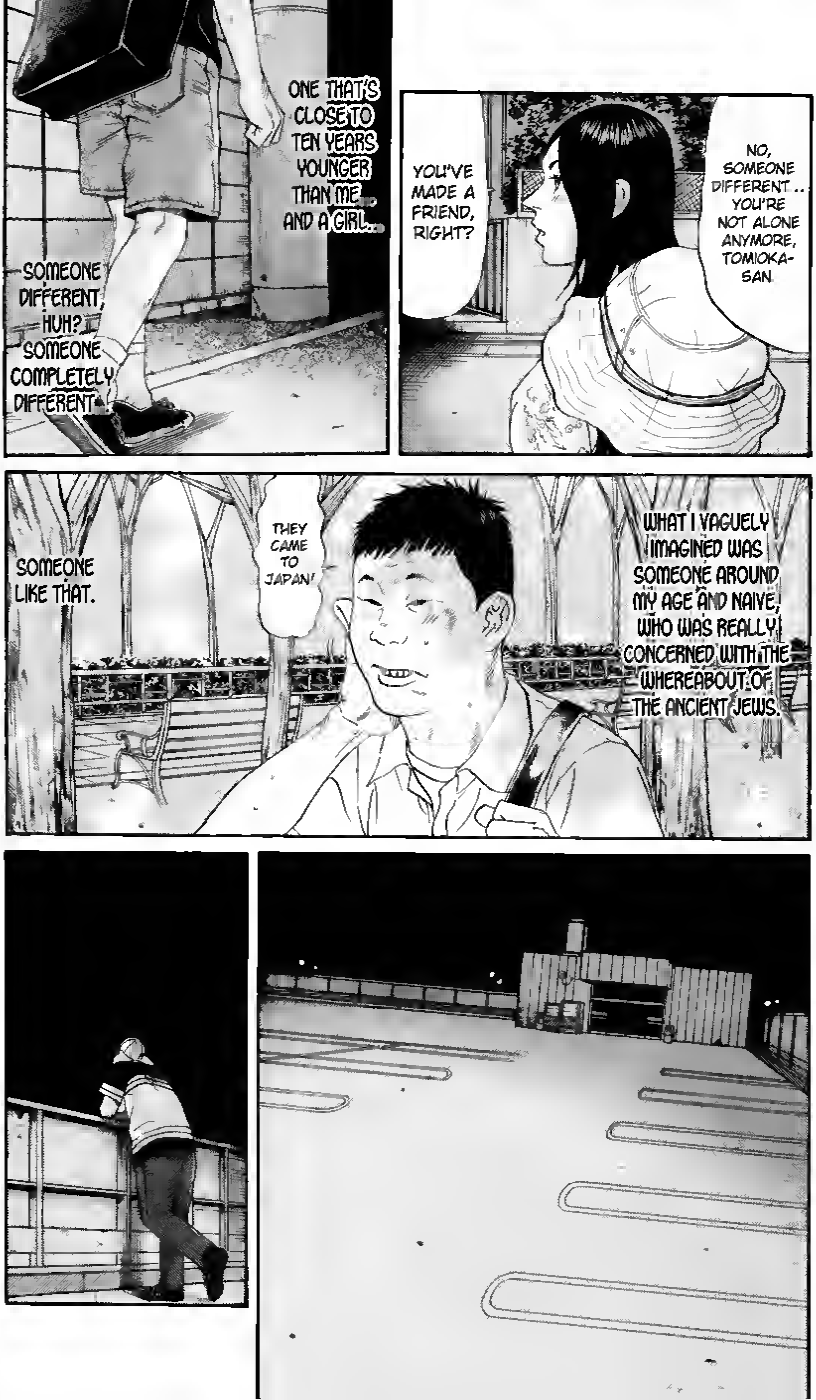

I WON'T GET IN YOUR WAY. IT'D BE ENOUGH IF I COULD JUST GET A FEEL FOR WHAT THE WORKPLACE IS LIKE HANDS ON...
OH, AND I'D LIKE TO HEAR A LITTLE ABOUT WHAT REALLY GOES ON THERE
HMM...? SO, LET ME GET THIS CLEAR
YOU'RE ASKING ME TO SHOW YOU WHERE I WORK?


SO IT'S A NO, THEN?
A BIG VIOLATION OF YOUR RULES?

HUH? ...THEN YOUR PARENTS DON'T KNOW THAT THEIR DAUGHTER IS WRITING A NOVEL?
YEAH, THEY DON'T KNOW. I HAVEN'T TOLD MY PARENTS OR MY FRIENDS.

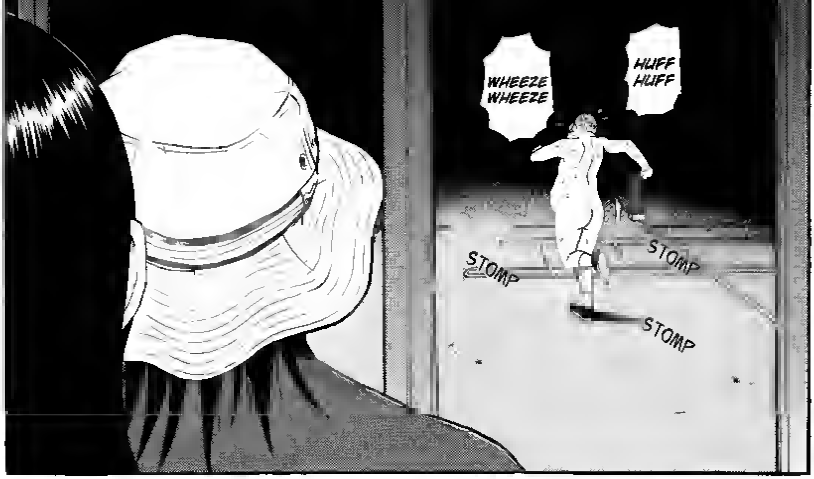

...IT'S EMBARRASSING OR SOMETHING...
I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO TELL THEM...
...SO, WHAT KIND OF STORY IS IT?
THE ONE WITH THE SECURITY GUARD AS THE MAIN CHARACTER.

.. IT'S GOING TO BE ABOUT THIS MIDDLE AGED SECURITY GUARD, CONSUMED BY SOLITUDE, WHO GRADUALLY LOSES IT...
SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
SO IT'S...
ABOUT ME THEN?


ONE THAT'S CLOSE TO TEN YEARS YOUNGER THAN ME... AND A GIRL...
SOMEONE DIFFERENT, HUH? SOMEONE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.
YOU'VE MADE A FRIEND, RIGHT?
NO, SOMEONE DIFFERENT... YOU'RE NOT ALONE ANYMORE, TOMIOKA-SAN.
SOMEONE LIKE THAT.
THEY CAME TO JAPAN!
WHAT I VAGUELY IMAGINED WAS SOMEONE AROUND MY AGE AND NAIVE, WHO WAS REALLY CONCERNED WITH THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE ANCIENT JEWS.

Gonna be summer soon.
Wish I were popular.
...
BLUB BLUB

...
I wanna be popular
...
SLAP
SLAP
I WANNA BLOW UP N' THEN ACT LIKE I DON'T KNOW NOBODY!!!
HE'S PROBABLY ON THE ROOF...
AND ONE OF THEM IS SUPPOSED TO BE HERE TODAY...
YEAH, WE GOT SOME RECENTLY Y'KNOW, PART TIMERS...
HUH? IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE AROUND?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HUFF HUFF
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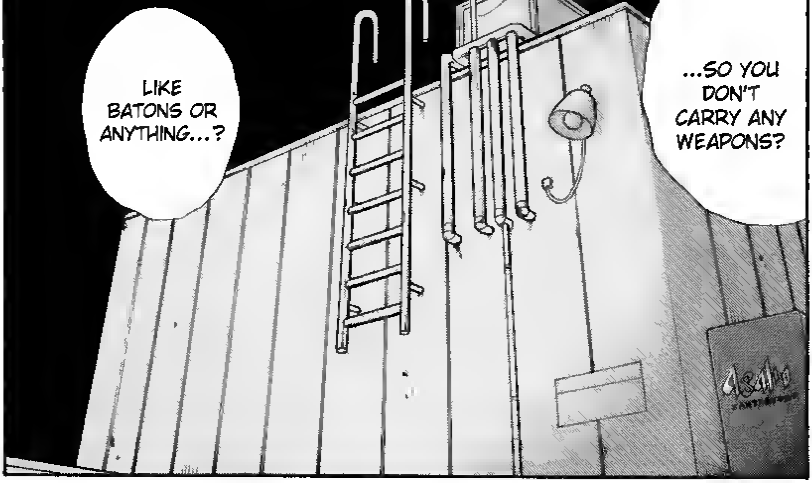
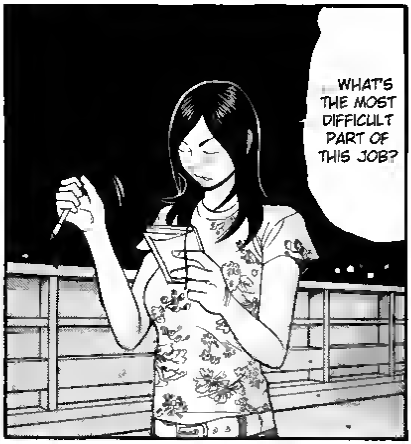
STOMP
OH! HEY BOSS! HOW YOU DOIIIINN'!?
H-HEY YOU!! WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!!?

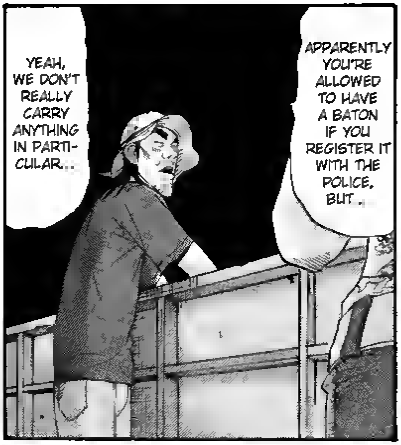
WHOA THAT'S HUGE! THIS GUY'S GOT A BIG OL' DICK!!
I WANNA BE SO POPULAR IT HURTS!!!
I AIN'T GONNA PUT UP WITH THIS ANY LONGER, BOSS! I WANNA BE POPULAR!

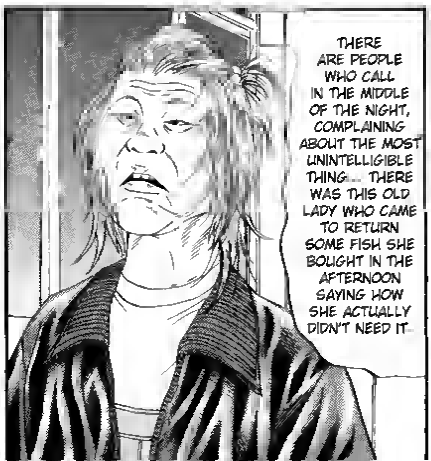
I'M GONNA DROP TWENTY KILOS... GET MY HANDS ON THE BODY I DESERVE!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I-I'MMA START RUNNIN' EVERY DAY STARTIN' RIGHT NOW.

WHOA, WHAT!!?
EXCUU-UUUSE ME, ARE YOU DONE THERE YET?
Y-YEAH, SAME HERE! I'M HANA-MURA!!
NICE TO MEET YOU-UUUU.
I'M TOMIOKA-SAN'S FRIEND, HADA. TOMIOKA-SAN LET ME COME HERE WITH HIM SO I COULD GATHER SOME DATA.
Shit... We've got a real weirdo here...
I-I BECAME FRIENDS WITH HER AFTER THAT! FORGET ABOUT IT!! JUST PUT THAT RIDICULOUSLY HUGE ASS THING AWAY ALREADY!!
W-WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, BOSS!? YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS! SO YOU WERE LYING ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID BACK THEN!?

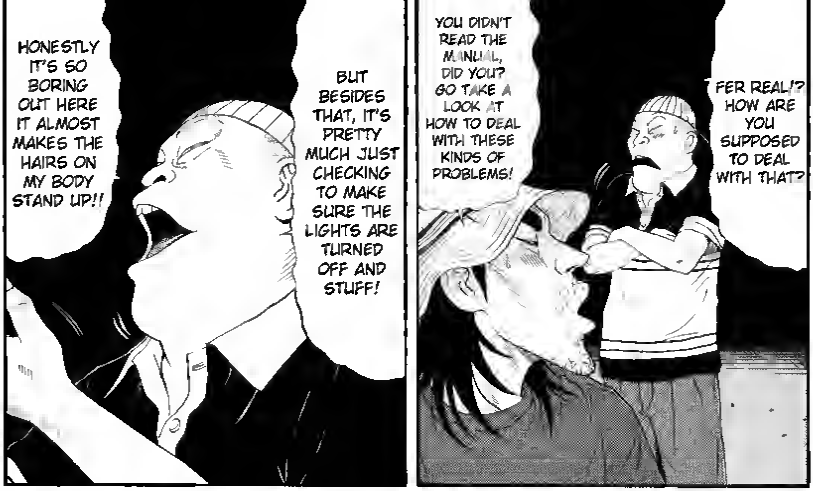

LIKE BATONS OR ANYTHING...?
...SO YOU DON'T CARRY ANY WEAPONS?

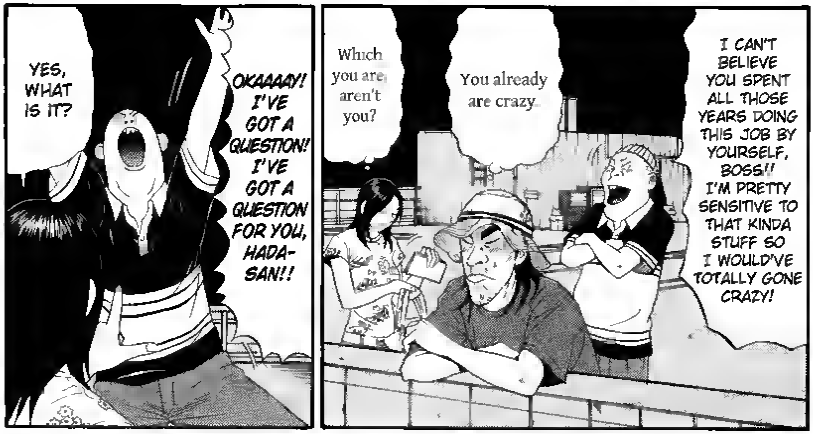

...WHAT'S THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF THIS JOB?

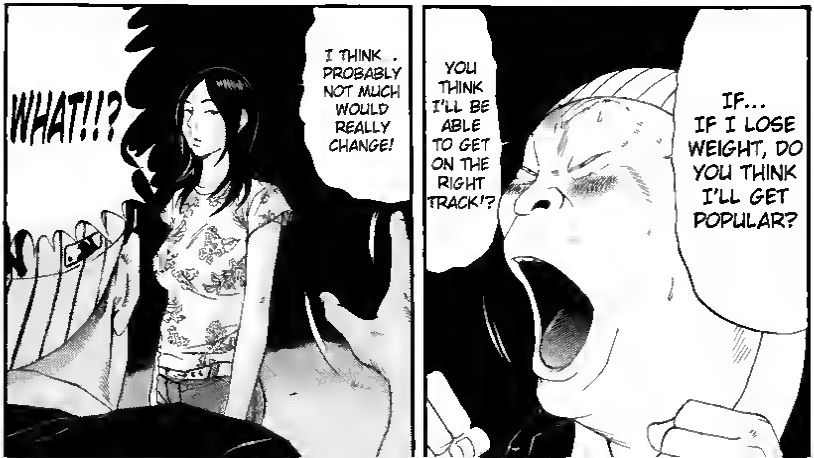

YEAH, WE DON'T REALLY CARRY ANYTHING IN PARTI-CULAR..
APPARENTLY YOU'RE ALLOWED TO HAVE A BATON IF YOU REGISTER IT WITH THE POLICE, BUT..


THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CALL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, COMPLAINING ABOUT THE MOST UNINTELLIGIBLE THING... THERE WAS THIS OLD LADY WHO CAME TO RETURN SOME FISH SHE BOUGHT IN THE AFTERNOON SAYING HOW SHE ACTUALLY DIDN'T NEED IT..

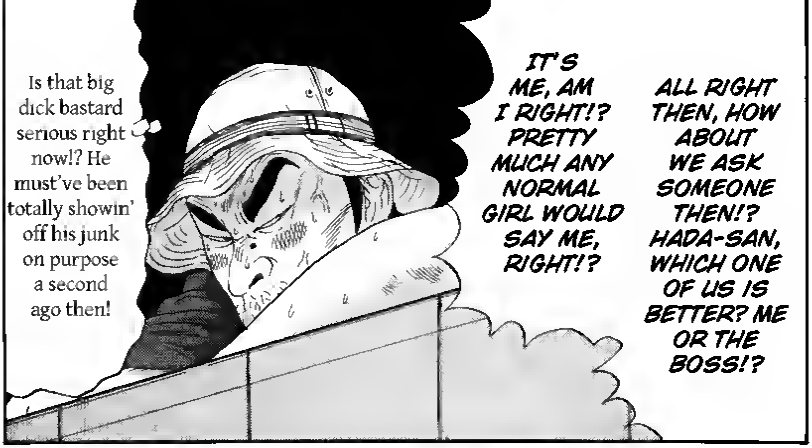
UHHM, DEALING WITH CLAIMS AND STUFF... LIKE ISSUES FROM PEOPLE THAT AREN'T QUITE RIGHT IN THE HEAD..


HONESTLY IT'S SO BORING OUT HERE IT ALMOST MAKES THE HAIRS ON MY BODY STAND UP!!
BUT BESIDES THAT, IT'S PRETTY MUCH JUST CHECKING TO MAKE SURE THE LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF AND STUFF!
YOU DIDN'T READ THE MANUAL, DID YOU? GO TAKE A LOOK AT HOW TO DEAL WITH THESE KINDS OF PROBLEMS!
FER REAL!? HOW ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO DEAL WITH THAT?


YES, WHAT IS IT?
OKAAAAY! I'VE GOT A QUESTION! I'VE GOT A QUESTION FOR YOU, HADA-SAN!!
Which you are, aren't you?
You already are crazy.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SPENT ALL THOSE YEARS DOING THIS JOB BY YOURSELF, BOSS!! I'M PRETTY SENSITIVE TO THAT KINDA STUFF SO I WOULD'VE TOTALLY GONE CRAZY!

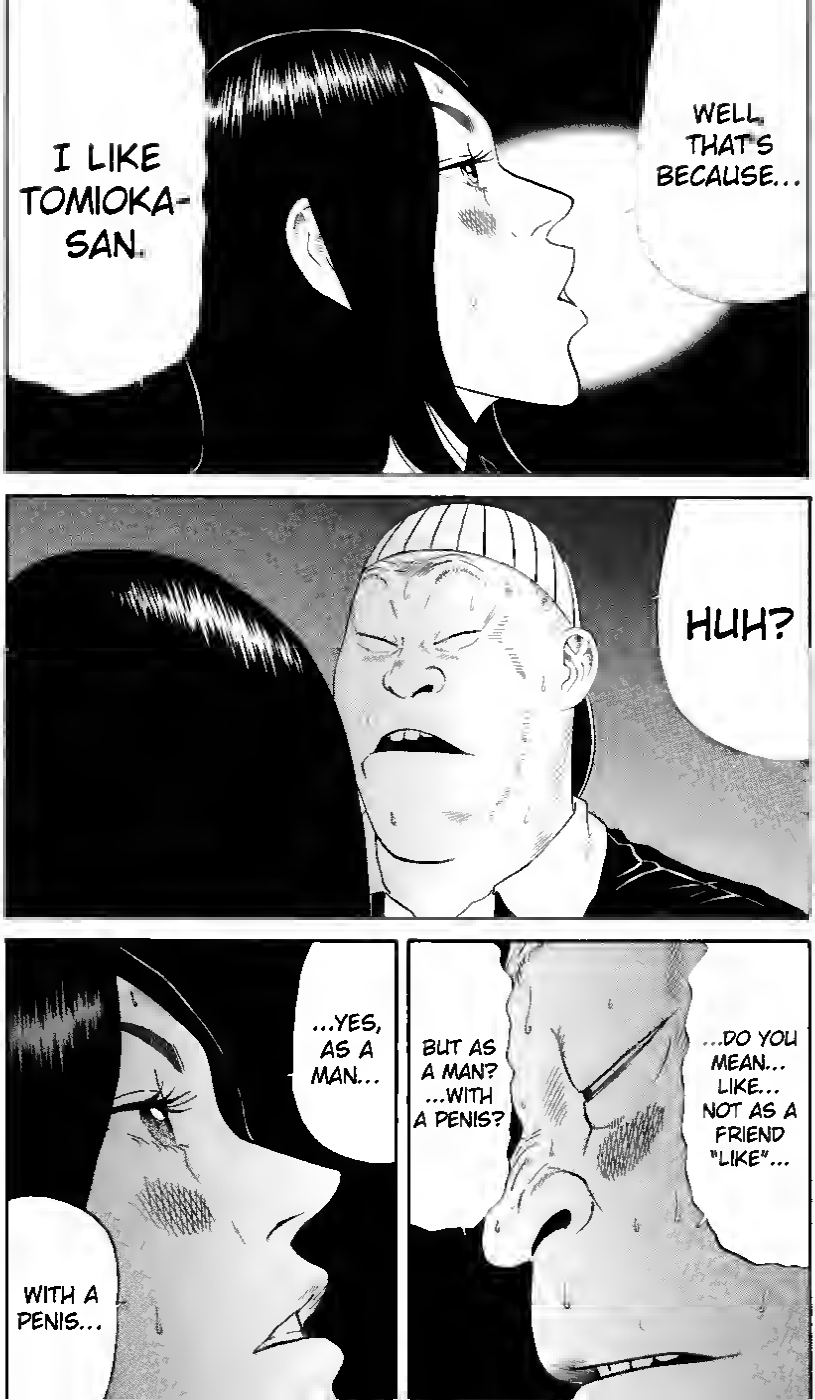

WHAT!!?
I THINK . PROBABLY NOT MUCH WOULD REALLY CHANGE!
YOU THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO GET ON THE RIGHT TRACK!?
IF... IF I LOSE WEIGHT, DO YOU THINK I'LL GET POPULAR?

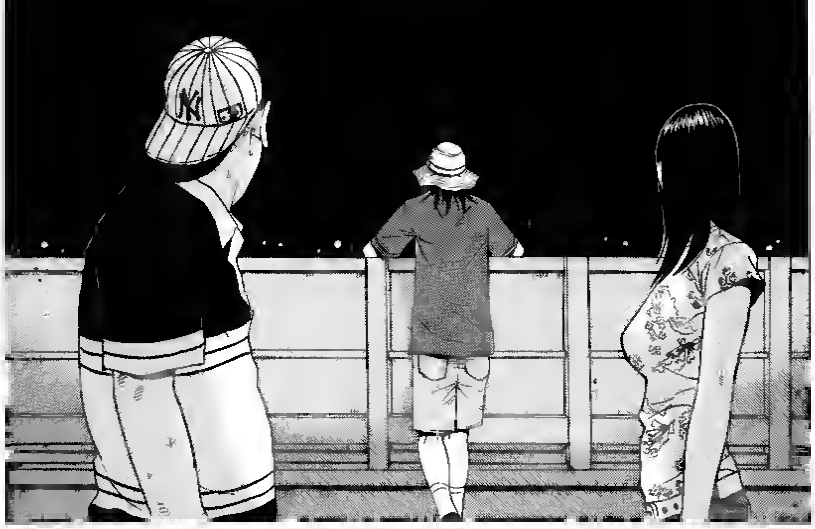
NO MATTER HOW GOOD YOU MIGHT LOOK, IN THE END YOU GOTTA HAVE CASH!!
WHAT I'M SAYIN' IS THAT WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT A MAN'S GOTTA HAVE MONEY TO BE POPULAR!
WHAT'S ABOUT MONEY?
AGHHH... SO I GUESS IT'S ALL ABOUT MONEY THEN, BOSS?
I'M PACKIN' HEAT! THE OLD LADY AT THE SOAPLAND TOLD ME SO! SHE SAID YOU ONLY SEE A FINE BLADE LIKE WHAT I'VE GOT DOWN THERE MAYBE ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS!
I'MMA JUST COME OUT AND SAY IT, BUT IF I HAD MONEY THEN I'D PRETTY MUCH BE ON THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN!
IF YOU DON'T HAVE MONEY, THEN THOSE GUYS THAT LOOK LIKE THEY CAN PONY UP WILL GET ALL THE BABES!!
YOU KNOW HOW THOSE BUGGED-EYED WIG-WEARIN' MIDGETS DOWN 'ROUND ROPPONGI ALWAYS MANAGE TO WIFE SOME HOT LOOKING CHICK, RIGHT!?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT!? I'VE GOT A HUGE ASS BRAINS! IT'S PROBABLY MORE THAN TWO TIMES THE SIZE OF YOURS, BOSS!!
IF THE OWNER OF A FINE BLADE IS AN IDIOT, THEN IT'S NO BETTER THAN A STICK.
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, HANAMURA... IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY YOU HAVE IF YOU'VE GOT A TINY BRAIN.

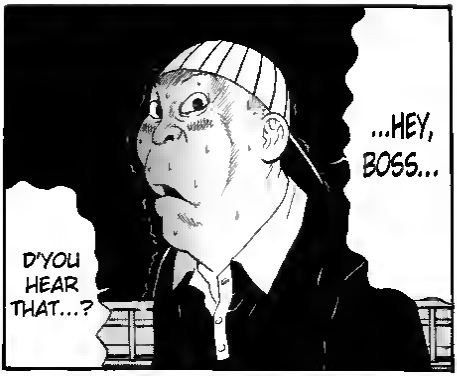

Is that big dick bastard serious right now!? He must've been totally showin' off his junk on purpose a second ago then!
IT'S ME, AM I RIGHT!? PRETTY MUCH ANY NORMAL GIRL WOULD SAY ME, RIGHT!?
ALL RIGHT THEN, HOW ABOUT WE ASK SOMEONE THEN!? HADA-SAN, WHICH ONE OF US IS BETTER? ME OR THE BOSS!?

BUT I'D GO WITH TOMIOKA-SAN BY A HUGE MARGIN.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT NORMAL GIRLS...

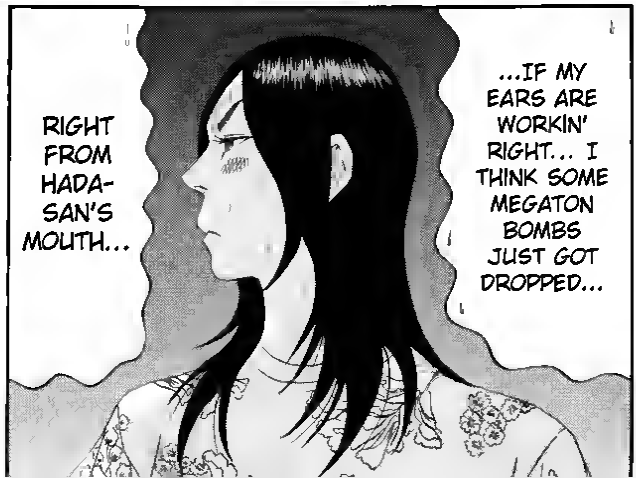
Hrm!? Hold on a second! Back on that first day he got here he was saying how we should squeeze each other's nuts, right?
W-WHY!? I CAN'T GET BEHIND THAT! WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT!!?
YEAH, A HUGE ONE.
WHAT!? ARE YOU SERIOUS!? BY A HUGE MARGIN!!?


I LIKE TOMIOKA-SAN.
WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE...
HUH?
...YES, AS A MAN...
WITH A PENIS...
BUT AS A MAN? ...WITH A PENIS?
...DO YOU MEAN... LIKE... NOT AS A FRIEND "LIKE"...

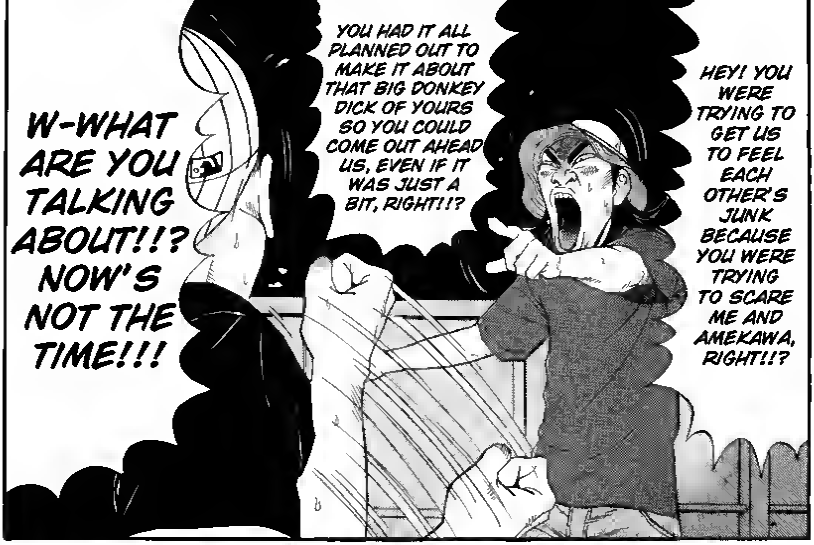



...HEY, BOSS...
D'YOU HEAR THAT...?

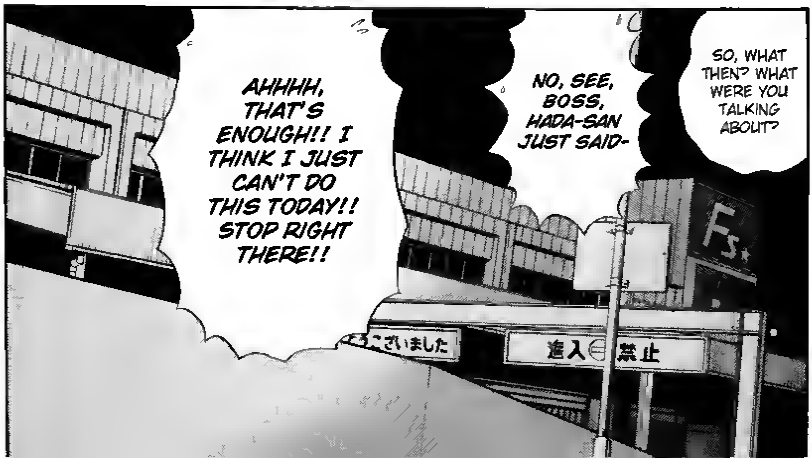
...BOSS?


RIGHT FROM HADA-SAN'S MOUTH...
...IF MY EARS ARE WORKIN' RIGHT... I THINK SOME MEGATON BOMBS JUST GOT DROPPED...

HUH?
WHAT IS IT?
THAT OLD ASS FART DIDN'T HEAR A THING!!!
H-HE WASN'T LISTENING!!!


W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!!? NOW'S NOT THE TIME!!!
YOU HAD IT ALL PLANNED OUT TO MAKE IT ABOUT THAT BIG DONKEY DICK OF YOURS SO YOU COULD COME OUT AHEAD US, EVEN IF IT WAS JUST A BIT, RIGHT!!?
HEY! YOU WERE TRYING TO GET US TO FEEL EACH OTHER'S JUNK BECAUSE YOU WERE TRYING TO SCARE ME AND AMEKAWA, RIGHT!!?

NO, YOU'RE SCUM, BOSS! MY DICK HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING RIGHT NOW!!
I'M ON TO YOU! YOU'RE PROPPED UP BY THAT DICK OF YOURS! THAT'S YOUR IDENTITY, YOU ARE YOUR DICK! ARGHHHH, YOU'RE SCUM!!


AHHHH, THAT'S ENOUGH!! I THINK I JUST CAN'T DO THIS TODAY!! STOP RIGHT THERE!!
NO, SEE, BOSS, HADA-SAN JUST SAID-
SO, WHAT THEN? WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
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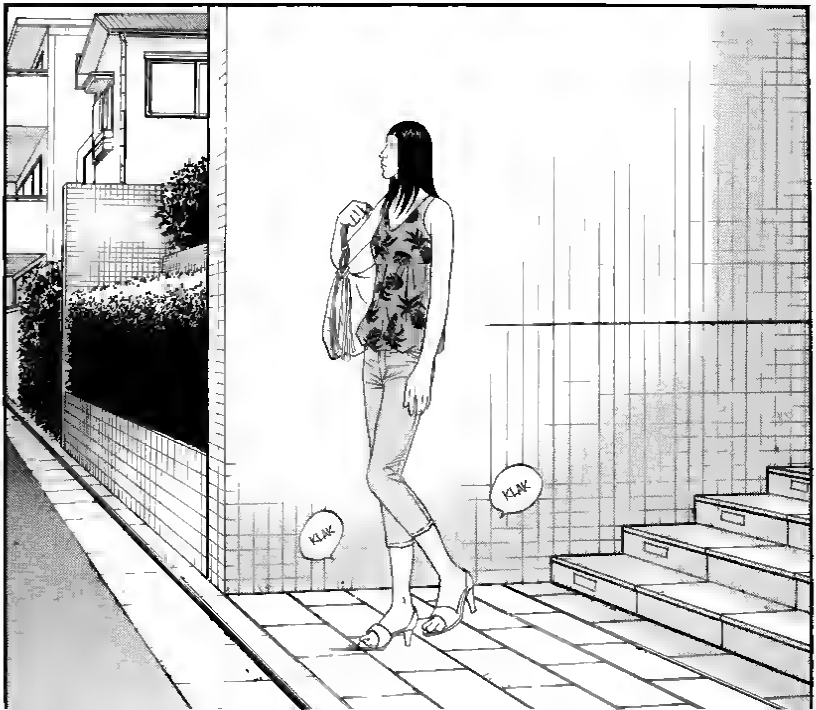

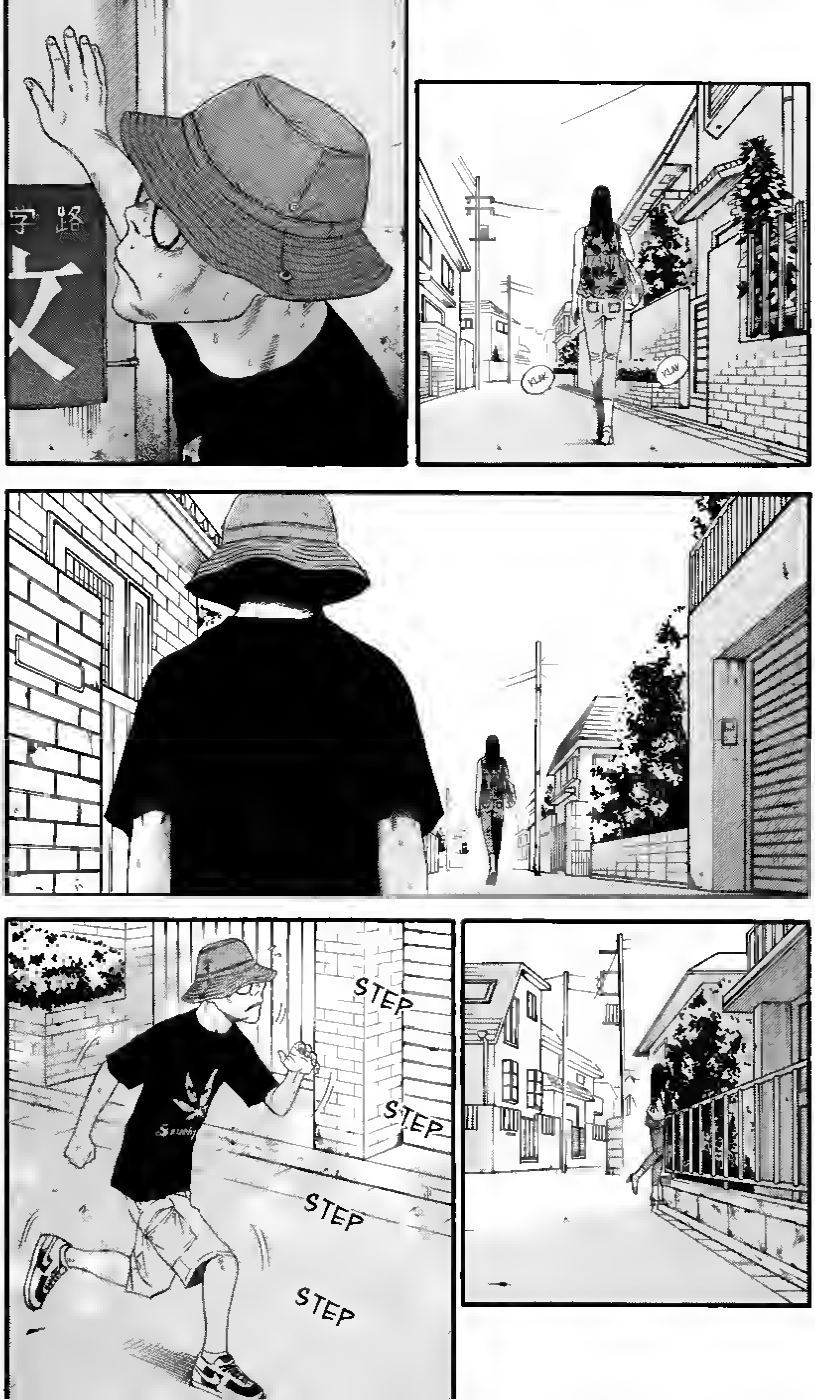
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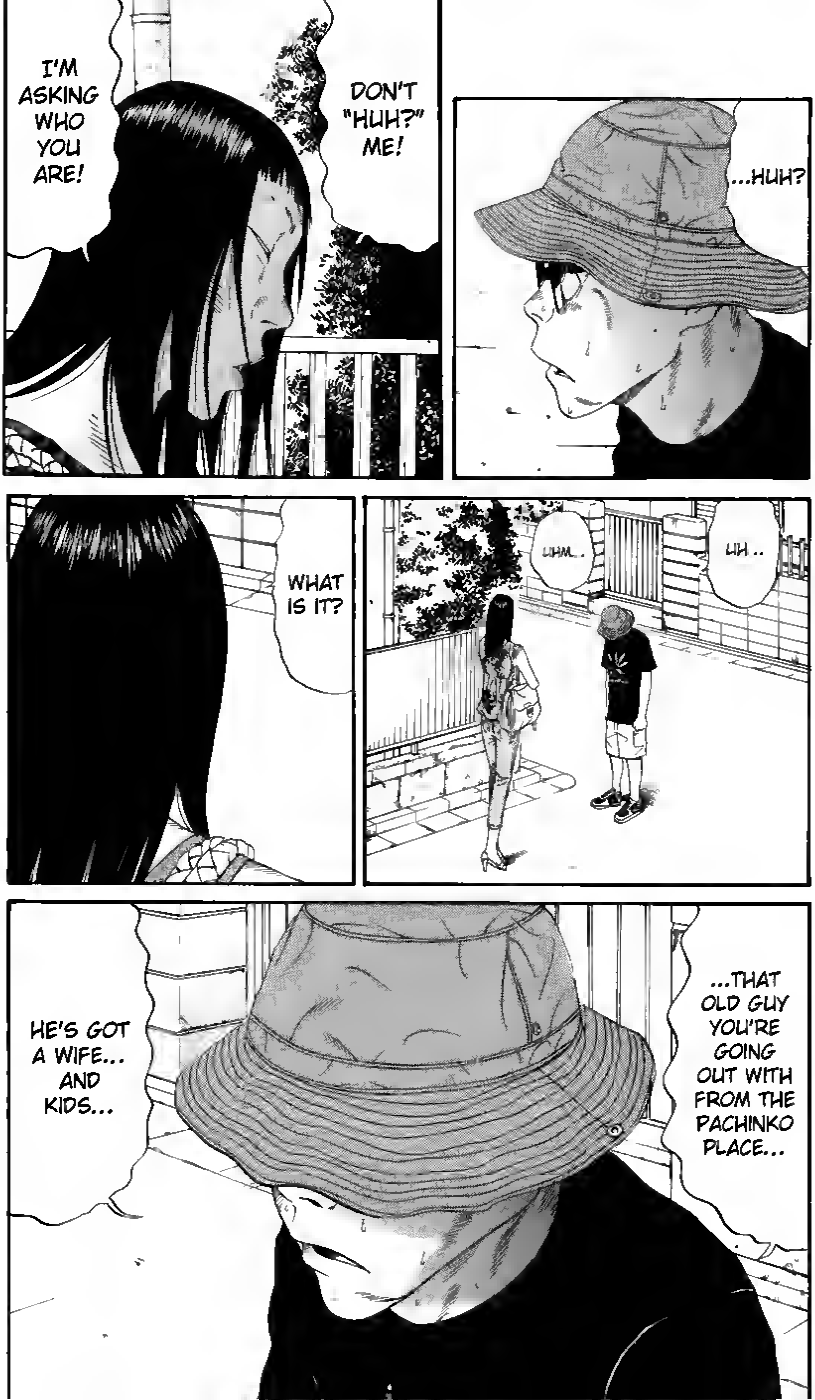
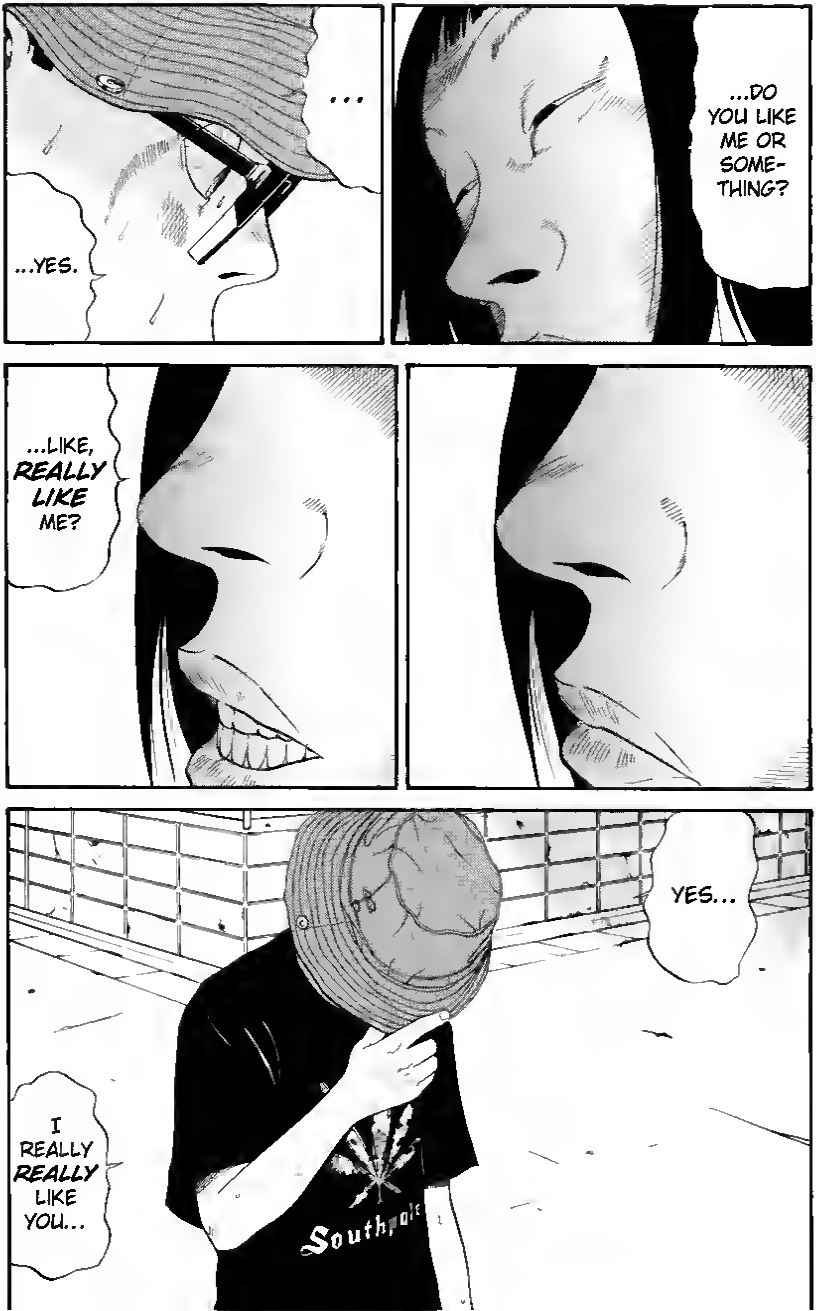
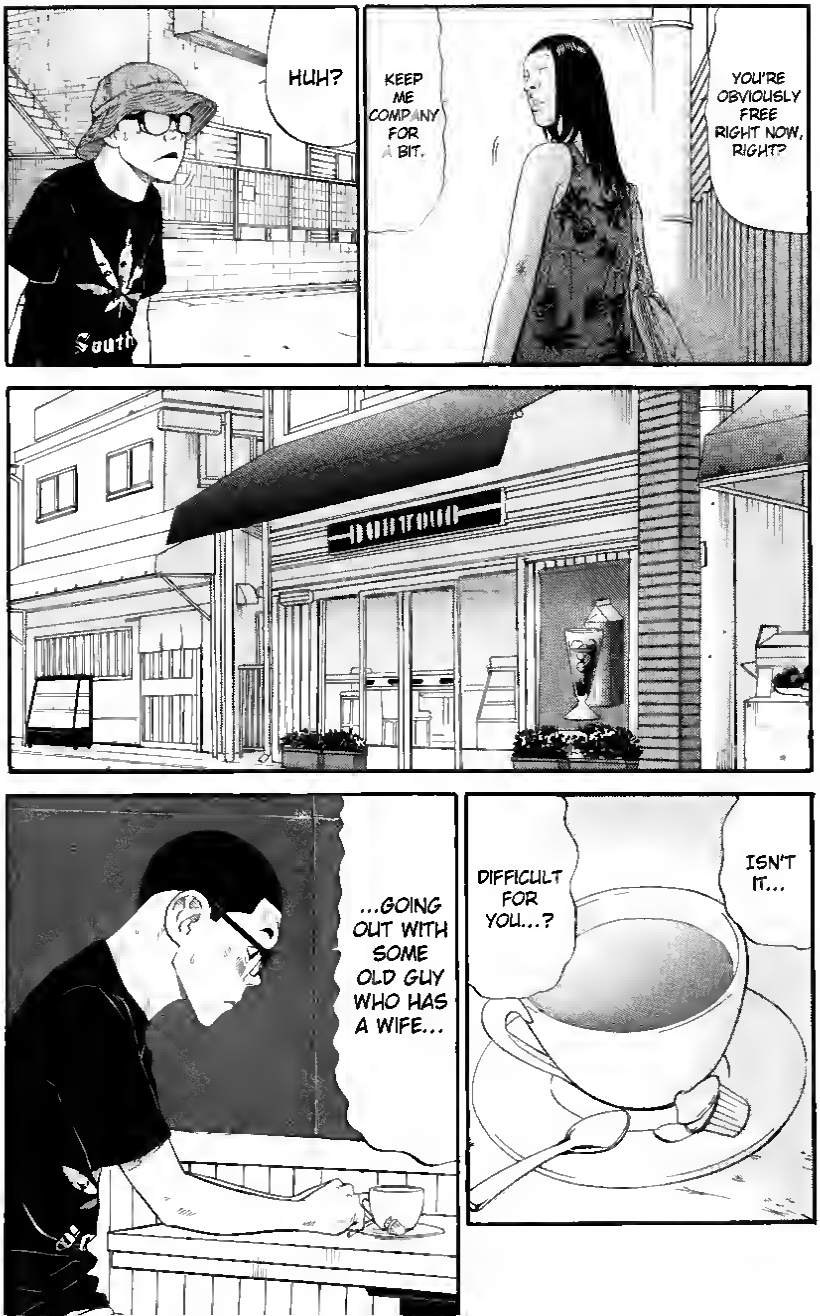
Southpole

...I KNEW IT.
...WHAT'S WITH YOU?
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME AROUND?


I'M ASKING WHO YOU ARE!
DON'T "HUH?" ME!
...HUH?
WHAT IS IT?
UHM..
UH..
HE'S GOT A WIFE... AND KIDS...
...THAT OLD GUY YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH FROM THE PACHINKO PLACE...

I KNOW THAT ALREADY... SO WHAT OF IT?
I'M DOING THIS ALL COMPLE-TELY...
ON MY OWN...
HUH? ...ARE YOU A DETECTIVE THAT THE WIFE HIRED OR SOMETHING?
NO... I'M NOT...
WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...
...? THEN DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU WHAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD CONSIDER A STALKER?
I'M NOT SURE HOW TO RESPOND...


...
...YES.
...DO YOU LIKE ME OR SOMETHING?
...LIKE, REALLY LIKE ME?
YES...
I REALLY REALLY LIKE YOU...
Southpole

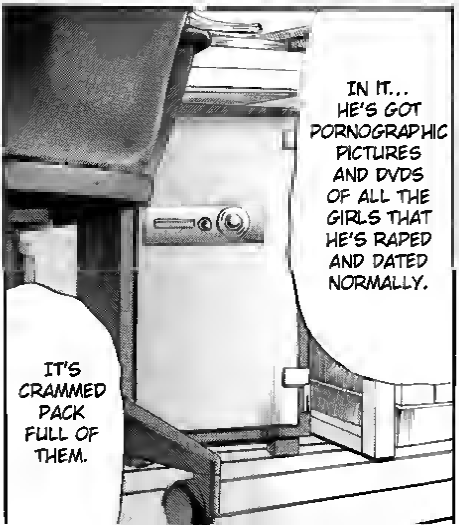

HUH?
KEEP ME COMPANY FOR A BIT.
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY FREE RIGHT NOW, RIGHT?
...GOING OUT WITH SOME OLD GUY WHO HAS A WIFE...
DIFFICULT FOR YOU...?
ISN'T IT...

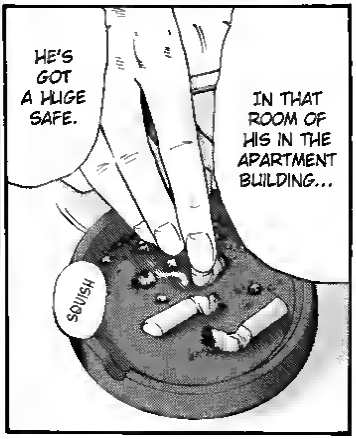
EVEN IF I WANT TO BREAK UP WITH HIM...
PHOOO
HE'S NOT GOING TO LET ME.
IF I BROUGHT IT UP, I'D BE KILLED ON THE VERY SAME DAY...
IF HE'S EVEN IN A BIT OF A BAD MOOD, I GET HIT...
...SO THAT MAN... REALLY IS A YAKUZA?
PHOOO
...YEAH. ONE OF THE UP AND COMERS.
HE'S GOT THAT PACHINKO PLACE, BUT... HE'S JUST THERE CAUSE HE'S GOT FREE TIME...
KLINK KLINK
HIS MAIN BUSINESS IS LOAN SHARKING... AND IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S A PRETTY BIG ONE AT THAT.

HE'S INCREDIBLY CRUEL... HE'S SCUM... THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE KILLED THEMSELVES BECAUSE OF HIM...
HE GIVES LOANS OUT TO GAMBLING ADDICTS... AND THEN WHEN'S ALL SAID AND DONE, HE TAKES IT ALL OUT OF THEIR REAL ESTATE AND PENSION.

PHOOO

AIN'T THAT SOMETHING? USED TO THINK THAT ONLY HAPPENED IN AMERICA AND STUFF...
HE'S GOT PEOPLE IN THE POLICE THAT HE'S BOUGHT OFF TOO.


IT'S CRAMMED PACK FULL OF THEM.
IN IT... HE'S GOT PORNOGRAPHIC PICTURES AND DVDS OF ALL THE GIRLS THAT HE'S RAPED AND DATED NORMALLY.


HE'S GOT A HUGE SAFE.
IN THAT ROOM OF HIS IN THE APARTMENT BUILDING...
SQUISH

OF COURSE... I'M IN THERE TOO...
TH-THAT'S... A CRIME, ISN'T IT?
IF YOU TELL THE COPS THEN IT'LL BE OVER FOR HIM!
IF I COULD, I WOULD'VE DONE THAT A LONG TIME AGO... I JUST TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I? HE'S GOT FRIENDS IN THE COPS... BESIDES, THE AMOUNT OF VICTIMS IS NO SMALL MATTER EITHER.
CLICK CLICK
IT'D BECOME A HUGE SPECTACLE THERE'S BE GIRLS WHOSE IDENTITIES WOULD PROBABLY GET REVEALED BECAUSE OF THE MEDIA COVERAGE THAT'D HAPPEN... AND THAT'D REALLY BE UNPLEASANT... THEY ALL HAVE HAD TO PUT UP WITH ENOUGH ALREADY
AHHH, GOD DAMMIT. IF I COULD JUST GET THAT SAFE OPEN...
PHOOOO
THEN I'D BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THAT PLACE ALREADY...
BUT I JUST CAN'T FIND THE KEY... I LOOKED ALL OVER THE PLACE WHILE HE WAS SLEEPING, BUT STILL...
HE'S BEING REALLY CAREFUL ABOUT IT AND ISN'T CARRYING IT AROUND WITH HIM THERE...

I PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO OPEN IT...
WELL, EVEN IF I HAD THE KEY... THERE'S STILL SOME SORT OF DIAL ON IT...
AND SMASH IT OPEN, RIGHT?
SOOOOO... WITH ALL OF THAT IN MIND... THE ONLY CHOICE WOULD PROBABLY BE TO CARRY THAT SAFE OUT OF THERE...

TO YOU RIGHT NOW?
DO YOU GET WHAT I'M SAYING...
YOU KNOW... FOR A CAR?
DO YOU... HAVE A LICENSE OR ANYTHING?
PLEASE... SAVE ME...
...EVERYONE JUST GOT SCARED AND RAN AWAY...
TO BE HONEST... I REALLY... DON'T HAVE ANYONE...

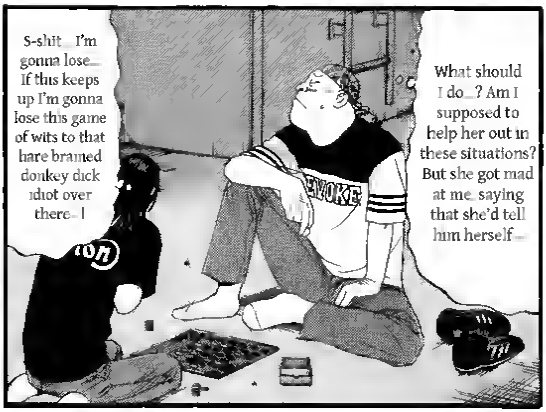
HOTEL
Siena

SHAAAAAA

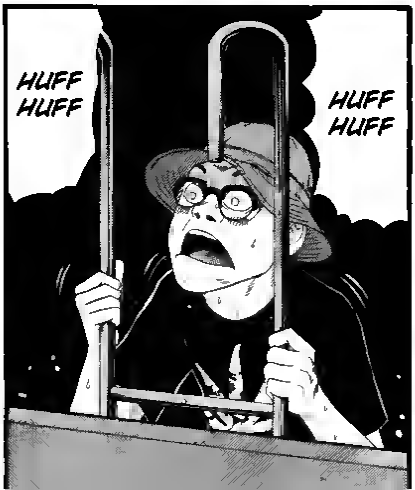
"IT'S SOMETHING THAT CAN ONLY BE SHOWN WITH ACTION, DON'T YOU THINK?"
"LOVE... IS SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE SHOWN AT ALL WITH WORDS, SEE."
SHAAAAAA
W-what should I do..? What am I going to do..?
WE DIDN'T REALLY TALK ABOUT ANYTHING!
NAH...
HEY BOSS, DID YOU TALK WITH HADA-SAN ABOUT ANYTHING AFTER THAT?

Ohhh mannn, this really sucks for her. Hada-san, I feel so bad for you...
WHAT..? DID YOU FALL FOR HER ALREADY? LET ME JUST GO AHEAD AND SAY THIS, BUT I'M NOT GONNA PLAY MATCHMAKER!

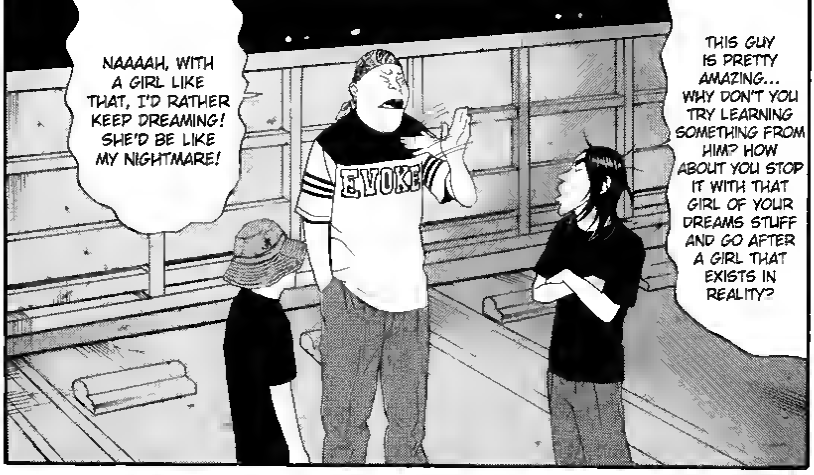
HUH!!?
HEE-EEY!!


S-shit... I'm gonna lose... If this keeps up I'm gonna lose this game of wits to that hare brained donkey dick idiot over there-- I
What should I do...? Am I supposed to help her out in these situations? But she got mad at me, saying that she'd tell him herself--

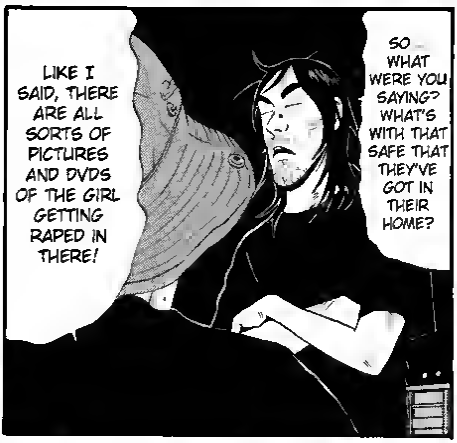
AHH! WHY'D YOU KICK IT OVER!!?
SMASH
OH! WHAT'S GOING ON!? LOOKS LIKE SOME-THING BIG HAP-PENED!!


HUFF HUFF
HUFF HUFF

ME TOO!
I DOO-OOO.
W-WHICH... ONE OF YOU HAS A DRIVER'S LICENSE!?
...WHAT!? ARE YOU SERIOUS!!?
I MEAN, WAIT A SECOND HERE, YOU'VE STILL GOT A THING FOR HER!?
SO, WHAT THEN!? YOU ENDED UP GETTING IN CONTACT WITH HER!?


NAAAAH, WITH A GIRL LIKE THAT, I'D RATHER KEEP DREAMING! SHE'D BE LIKE MY NIGHTMARE!
THIS GUY IS PRETTY AMAZING... WHY DON'T YOU TRY LEARNING SOMETHING FROM HIM? HOW ABOUT YOU STOP IT WITH THAT GIRL OF YOUR DREAMS STUFF AND GO AFTER A GIRL THAT EXISTS IN REALITY?

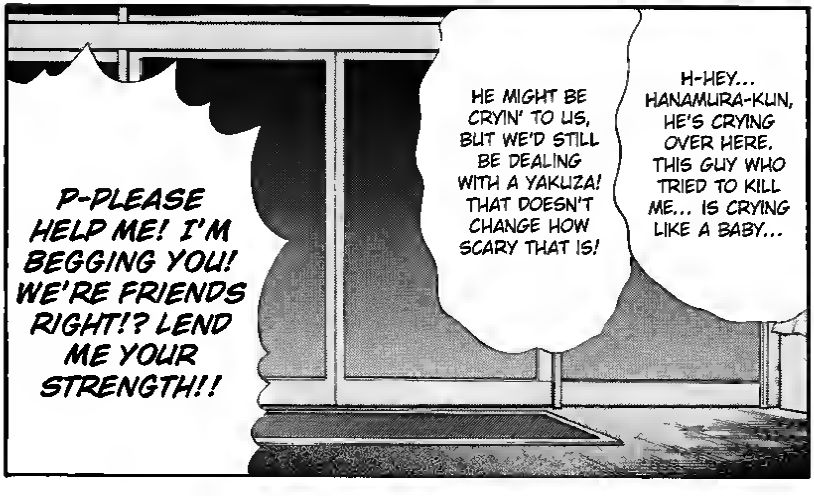
UGHHHH MAN! I DON'T WANNA SEE THAT CRAP! THAT'S A REAL HORRORSHOW RIGHT THERE!!
Hrm- mmm?


LIKE I SAID, THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF PICTURES AND DVDS OF THE GIRL GETTING RAPED IN THERE!
SO WHAT WERE YOU SAYING? WHAT'S WITH THAT SAFE THAT THEY'VE GOT IN THEIR HOME?

HADA-SAN'S REALLY SUFFERED, A LOT BACK THEN...
THEN THAT'S JUST LIKE WITH HADA-SAN...

SHE WANTS TO BREAK UP WITH HIM... BUT SHE CAN'T...
THAT PERVERTED YAKUZA SCUM... HE'S USING THAT TO BLACKMAIL THE GIRLS WITH...
THEN ALL OF THOSE GIRLS WOULD END UP HAPPY, RIGHT?
I SEE... SO IF THE CONTENTS IN THE SAFE WERE TO DISAPPEAR...
WELL YOU BETTER COUNT ME OUT! I'M DEFINITELY NOT DOWN FOR THAT!
WHOA WHOA...! YOU'RE NOT SAYIN' THAT YOU'RE GONNA HELP HIM CARRY IT, ARE YOU?
EVOKE

I... DON'T HAVE A CAR AND I CAN'T DRIVE... I'M HELPLESS AND CAN'T DO ANYTHING...
I WANT TO HELP HER SO BAD... BUT I CAN'T EVEN DO THAT MUCH...


P-PLEASE HELP ME! I'M BEGGING YOU! WE'RE FRIENDS RIGHT!? LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH!!
HE MIGHT BE CRYIN' TO US, BUT WE'D STILL BE DEALING WITH A YAKUZA! THAT DOESN'T CHANGE HOW SCARY THAT IS!
H-HEY... HANAMURA-KUN, HE'S CRYING OVER HERE. THIS GUY WHO TRIED TO KILL ME... IS CRYING LIKE A BABY...

Chapter 15: Deception

O-OBVIOUSLY THERE ISN'T ANYONE ELSE!! THAT'S WHY I'M COMING TO YOU GUYS!! IF THERE WERE ANYONE ELSE, I WOULD'VE GONE TO THEM ALREADY!!
TOO BAD FOR YOU, HUH!? GO TRY SOMEONE ELSE!!
NAW, MAN! IT AIN'T HAPPENIN'! YOU CAN KOWTOW ALL YOU WANT BUT MY MIND'S SET AND IT AIN'T BUDGIN'!!

THERE AIN'T NOTHING TO GAIN AT ALL FROM LISTENING TO ANYTHING YOU HAVE TO SAY!! ONLY THING THAT MIGHT BE THERE IS DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THE YAKUZA! AND THAT AIN'T WORTH SHIT!!
OKAY, LISTEN UP! YOU'RE UNDER THE SPELL OF LOVE RIGHT NOW!! AND I AIN'T GONNA LISTEN TO WHAT NOBODY UNDER NO HOCUS POCUS VOODOO CRAP HAS TO SAY!!

I .. DIDN'T SAY THAT, DID I? I DON'T THINK I'D WANNA DO IT EVEN IF I DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER
HUH!? THEN, WHAT? YOU AREN'T SAYIN' YOU'RE GONNA DO IT, ARE YOU, BOSS!? I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
YOU'D BE HELPING OUT THE GIRLS THAT GOT SCREWED OVER BY THE YAKUZA.. AND AMEKAWA WOULD BECOME A REAL MAN
WELL, I WOULDN'T SAY THAT THERE'S NOTHING AT ALL ..
AIN'T IT PRETTY MESSED UP THAT BROAD IS ASKIN' YOU TO DO SOMETHIN' THIS CRAZY WITH THAT FACE SHE'S GOT OF HERS IN THE FIRST PLACE!?
AND SHE'S ASKIN' YOU TO DO IT FOR FREE 'CAUSE YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH HER? HOW CHEAP CAN YOU GET!? IT AIN'T EVEN WORTH CONSIDERIN'!!
SHE SAID... IF WE SUCCEED... SHE'D PAY US 1.5 MILLION YEN...
1.5 MIL!!?

OKAY, I'VE GOT A QUESTION! I'VE GOT ONE SIMPLE LITTLE QUESTION FOR YOU THEN!!!
W-WHAT?
I... DON'T CARE AT ALL ABOUT MONEY...
EVEN THOUGH I TOLD HER... I DIDN'T NEED THAT... SHE INSISTED...
THAT I HEEEEEELP YOU AND WE SUCCEE-EEEEED...
OKAA-AAAAY, SOOOOO LET'S SUPPOO-OOOOSE...
YEAH... I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU ALL...
I... CAN'T ACCEPT IT...
THEN THAT'D MEAN... THAT IT'D BE FINE IF I TOOK THE ENTIRE 1.5 MIL FOR MYSELF?

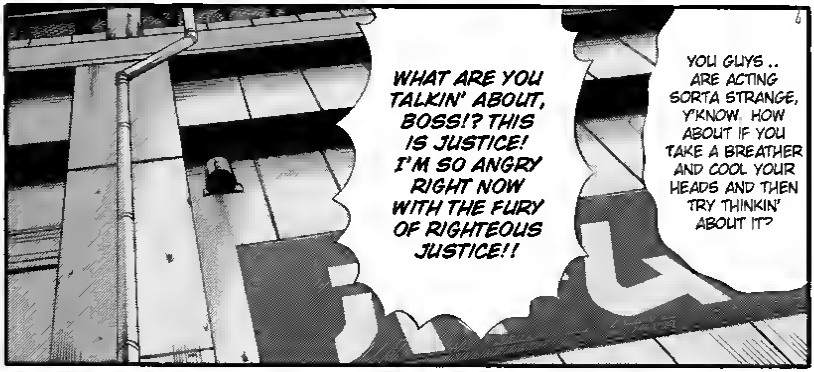
OKAY THEN, I'LL DO IT!!!
I'M DOIN' IT!! I'LL GO FOR BROKE!!!
YEAHHHH, LET'S DO IT!! I'LL DO IT!!
A-ARE YOU SERIOUS!? YOU'RE GONNA DO IT!?

YEAH, I'M NOT GONNA.
IT'LL BE FINE! I'LL MAKE A MAN OUT OF AMEKAWA! YOU JUST LET ME TAKE CARE OF IT!!
BOSS! YOU DON'T NEED TO COME! IT'S WAY TOO DANGEROUS OF A JOB!

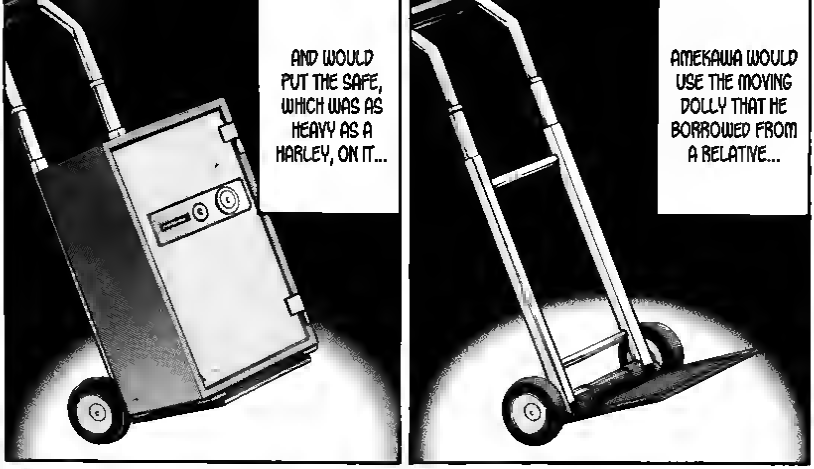
YOU MAKE THE GIRLS OF THE WORLD SUFFER AND YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO ANSWER TO ME!!
GOOD LORD GOD DAMN, I DON'T GIVE A SHIT IF YOU'RE YAKUZA OR WHAT!

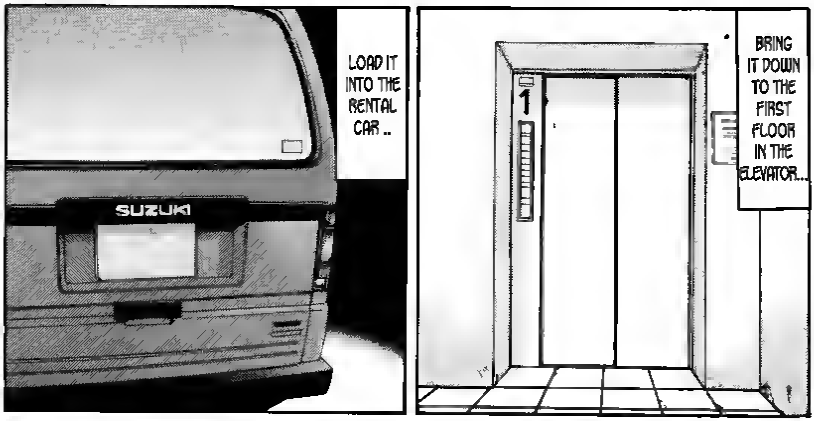
GYAHAHAHA, THIS IS GONNA BE EASY!! I'VE DONE THIS SORTA STUFF BEFORE! I'VE THROWN AWAY AN ENTIRE WASHING MACHINE!!
Well, looky here, you're completely under the spell of money..
MUNCH MUNCH
I MEAN, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, ALL WE NEED TO DO IS THROW THE SAFE AWAY SOMEWHERE, RIGHT!? IT'LL BE EASIER THAN HELPIN' SOMEONE MOVE!!

...IF HE FINDS US, WE'RE DONE FOR...
THE GUY... NEVER SAYS WHEN HE'S GONNA COME AROUND... HE JUST SORTA APPEARS OUT OF THE BLUE...
I- IN 3 DAYS... THE TIME ISN'T SET YET...
SO, WHEN ARE WE GONNA DO IT!? WHEN WE GONNA PULL IT OFF!?
EVOKE


WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT, BOSS!? THIS IS JUSTICE! I'M SO ANGRY RIGHT NOW WITH THE FURY OF RIGHTEOUS JUSTICE!!
YOU GUYS .. ARE ACTING SORTA STRANGE, Y'KNOW. HOW ABOUT IF YOU TAKE A BREATHER AND COOL YOUR HEADS AND THEN TRY THINKIN' ABOUT IT?

AFTER THAT, THEY HEARD WORD FROM THE WOMAN, AND IT WAS DECIDED...
THAT IT WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN THE EVENING AT 11 O'CLOCK THREE DAYS LATER...


AND WOULD PUT THE SAFE, WHICH WAS AS HEAVY AS A HARLEY, ON IT...
AMEKAWA WOULD USE THE MOVING DOLLY THAT HE BORROWED FROM A RELATIVE...


LOAD IT INTO THE RENTAL CAR..
SUZUKI
BRING IT DOWN TO THE FIRST FLOOR IN THE ELEVATOR...
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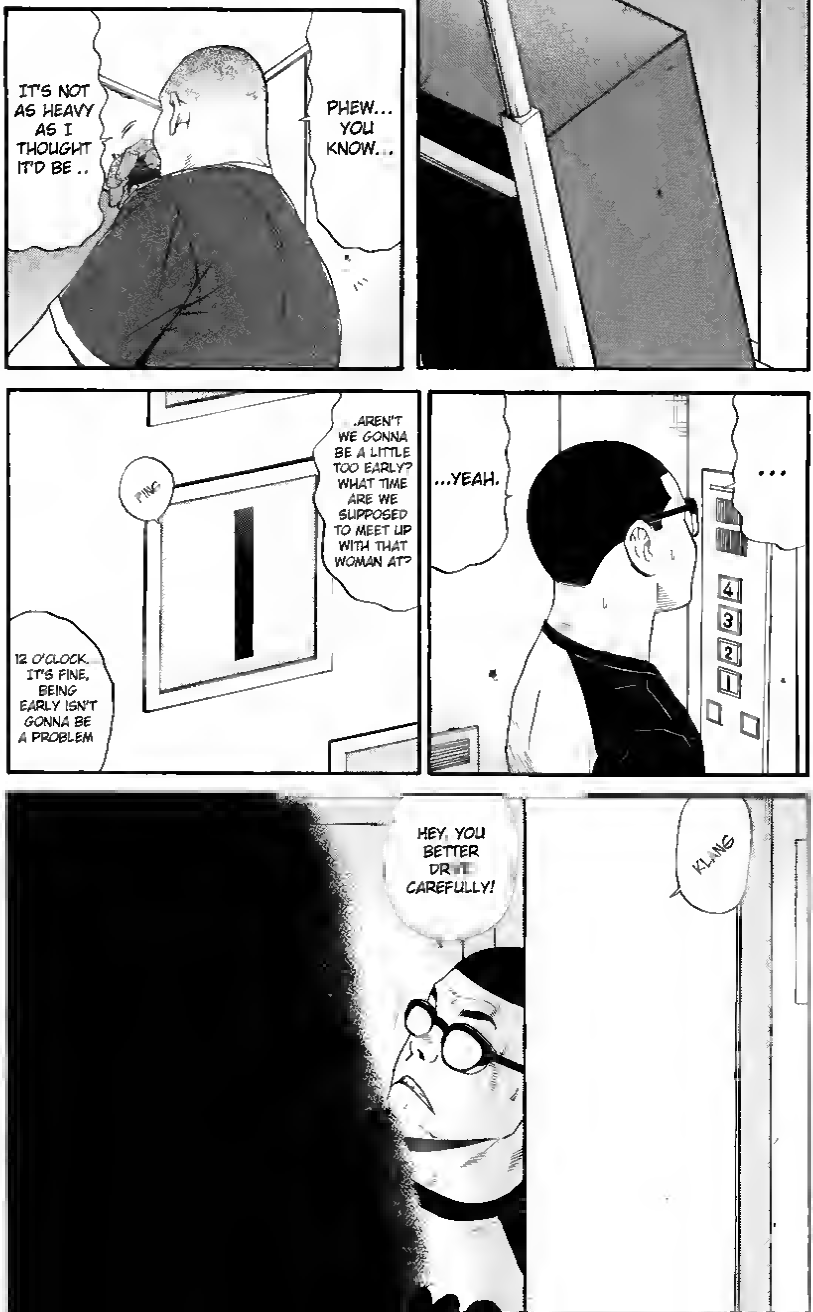
AND THEN HE WOULD MEET UP WITH THE WOMAN AFTER SHE FINISHED HER JOB AND HEAD TOWARDS THE MOUNTAINS...
THERE THEY'D DEAL WITH THE SAFE.

YOU COULD SAY IT WAS PRETTY MUCH GUARANTEED, BUT...
THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS WERE HIGH.
SOMETHING YOU WOULD NOT WANT TO IMAGINE.
WHAT LAY IN WAIT FOR THE SLIM CHANCE OF FAILURE...

AH CRAP... I WANNA TAKE A SHIT!
HEY STOP SCREWING AROUND! HURRY UP AND GET ON WITH IT!!
CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK
KLANG


IT'S NOT AS HEAVY AS I THOUGHT IT'D BE ..
PHEW... YOU KNOW...
...AREN'T WE GONNA BE A LITTLE TOO EARLY? WHAT TIME ARE WE SUPPOSED TO MEET UP WITH THAT WOMAN AT?
PING
12 O'CLOCK. IT'S FINE, BEING EARLY ISN'T GONNA BE A PROBLEM
...YEAH.
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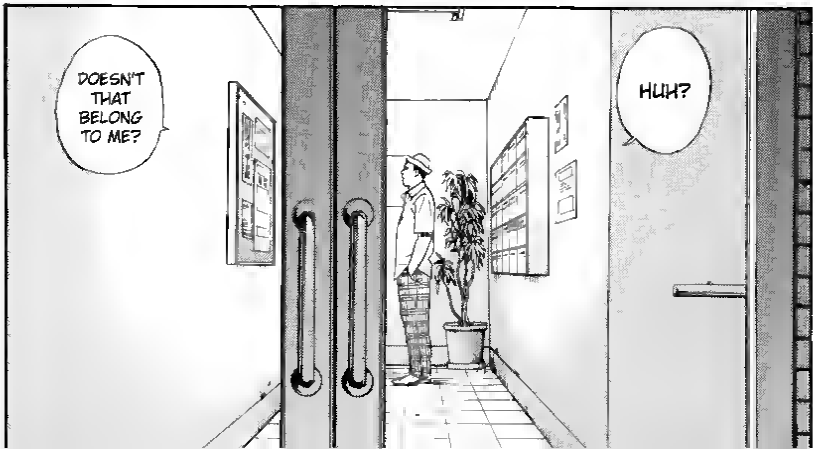
HEY, YOU BETTER DR CAREFULLY!
KLANG

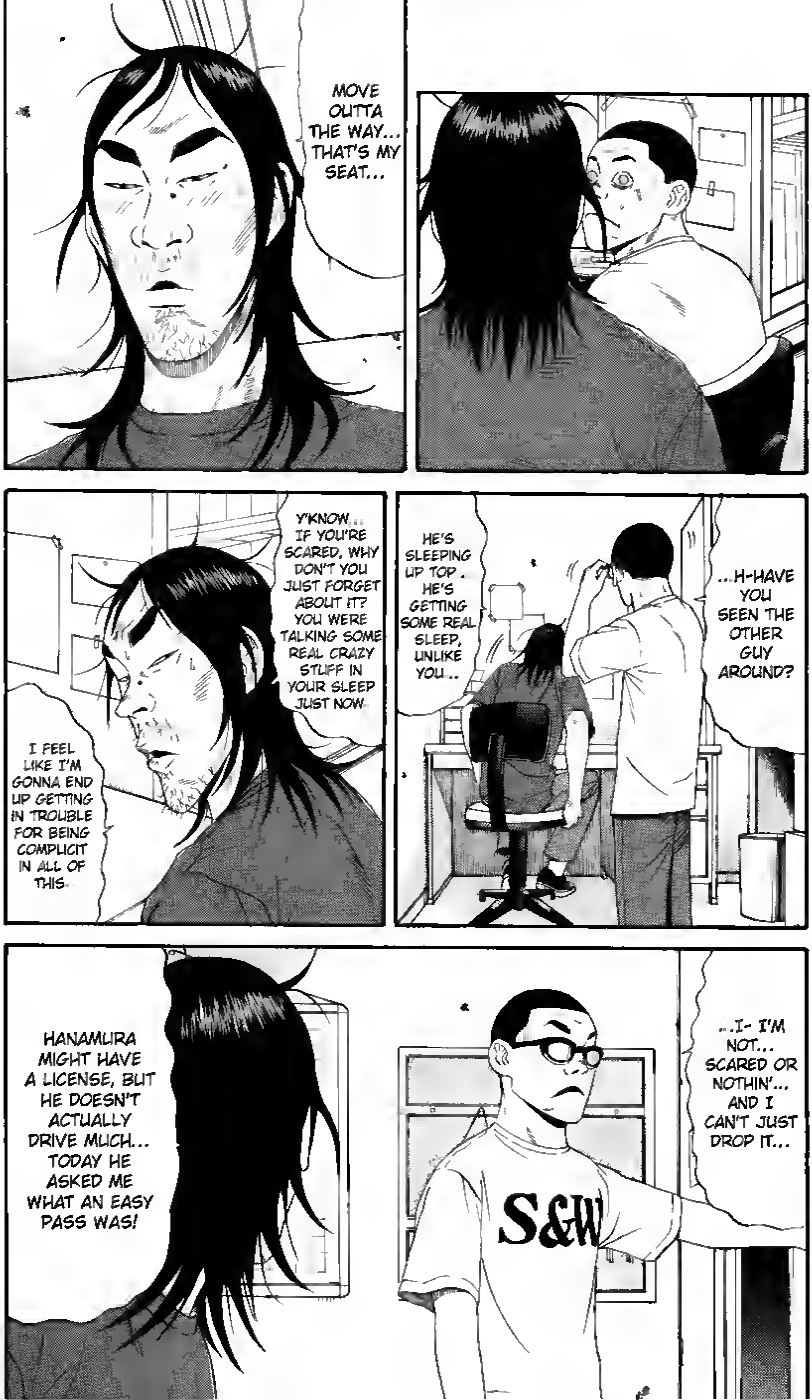
HRM?

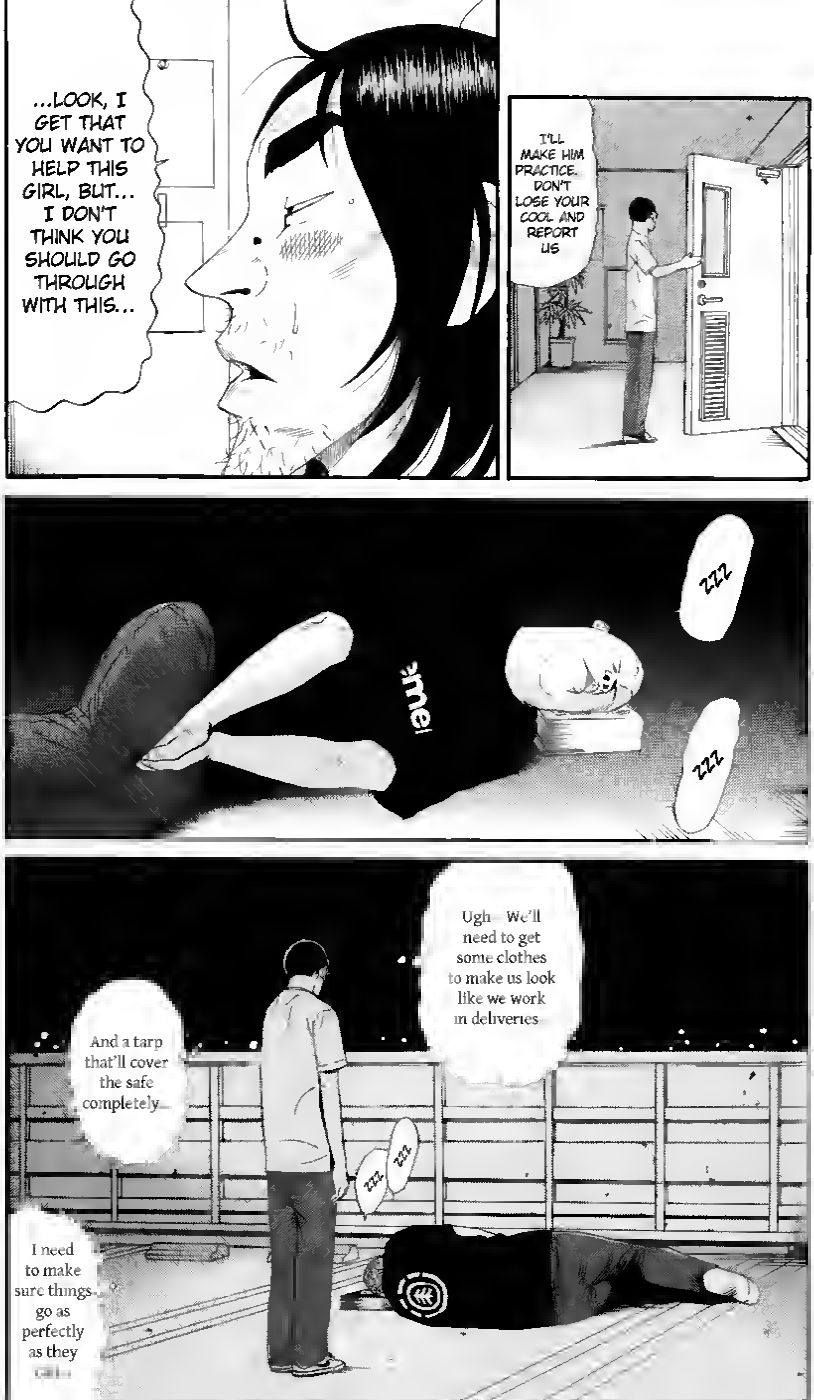

DOESN'T THAT BELONG TO ME?
HUH?

NO, NO... MY SAFE, MAN...
NAH, IT'S JUST TWO GUYS THAT I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN BEFORE.
HAHA HAHA.
YEAH, THE ONE WITH ALL THOSE PICTURES OF MY JUNK!

AH... OKAY.
HEEEEY, WHAT THE HELL'S TAKIN' YOU SO LONG? HURRY UP AND DO IT ALREADY-YYYY!
YEAH, SHE'S GONE... THE GIRL RAN AWAY... YUP.
THUD
BANG
DRIP

CLENCH
!!!
HEY, WAKE UP!
GASP


MOVE OUTTA THE WAY... THAT'S MY SEAT...
Y'KNOW... IF YOU'RE SCARED, WHY DON'T YOU JUST FORGET ABOUT IT? YOU WERE TALKING SOME REAL CRAZY STUFF IN YOUR SLEEP JUST NOW.
I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA END UP GETTING IN TROUBLE FOR BEING COMPLICIT IN ALL OF THIS.
HE'S SLEEPING UP TOP. HE'S GETTING SOME REAL SLEEP, UNLIKE YOU..
...H-HAVE YOU SEEN THE OTHER GUY AROUND?
HANAMURA MIGHT HAVE A LICENSE, BUT HE DOESN'T ACTUALLY DRIVE MUCH... TODAY HE ASKED ME WHAT AN EASY PASS WAS!
S&W
...I- I'M NOT... SCARED OR NOTHIN'... AND I CAN'T JUST DROP IT...


...LOOK, I GET THAT YOU WANT TO HELP THIS GIRL, BUT... I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD GO THROUGH WITH THIS...
I'LL MAKE HIM PRACTICE. DON'T LOSE YOUR COOL AND REPORT US
ZZZ
ZZZ
And a tarp that'll cover the safe completely...
Ugh... We'll need to get some clothes to make us look like we work in deliveries
ZZZ
ZZZ
I need to make sure things go as perfectly as they can...

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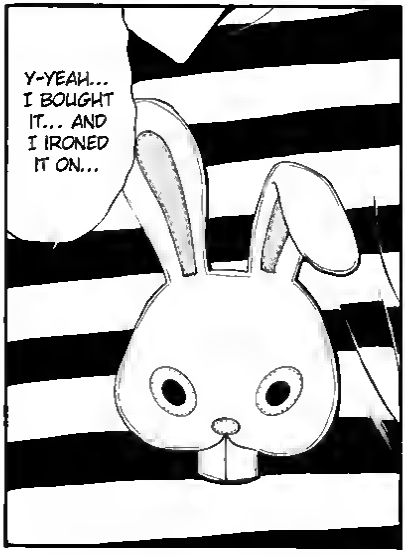
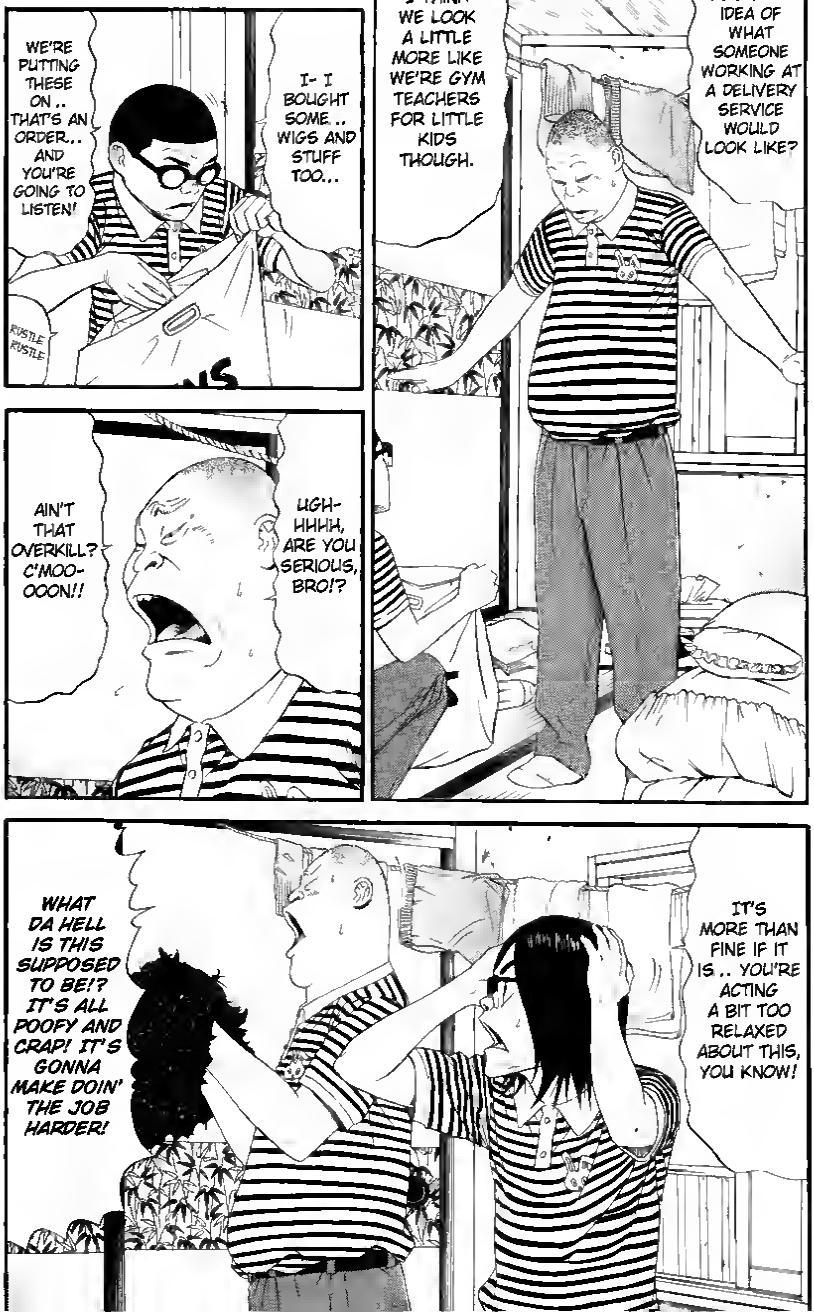
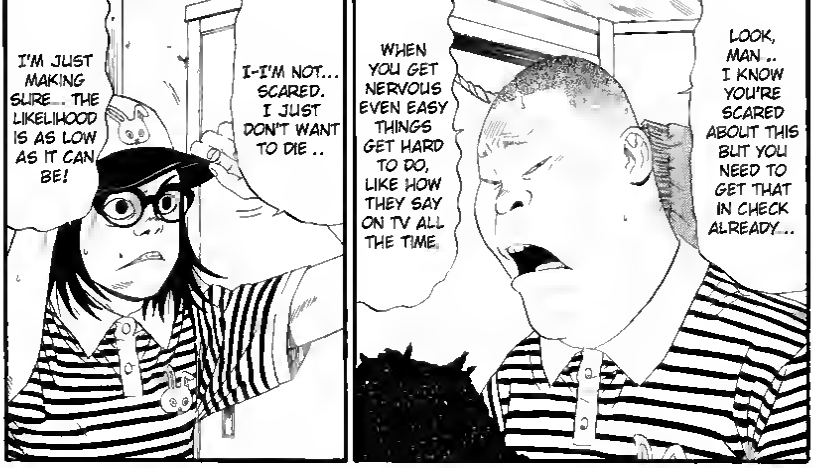
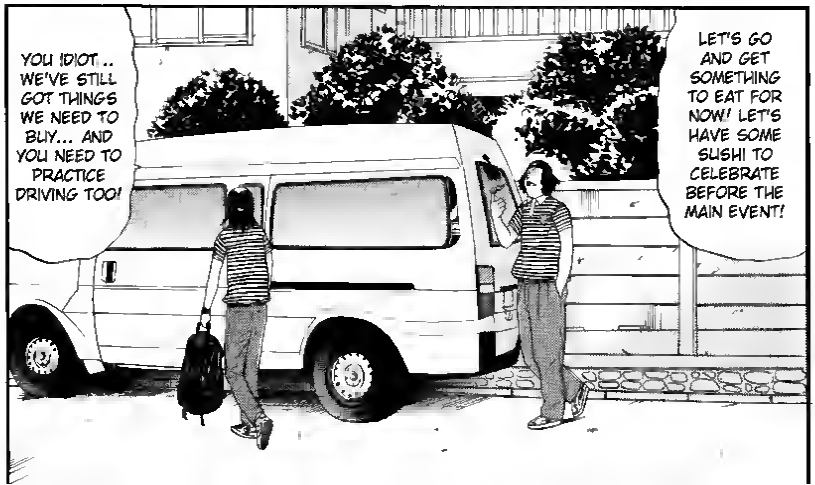

Y-YEAH... I BOUGHT IT... AND I IRONED IT ON...

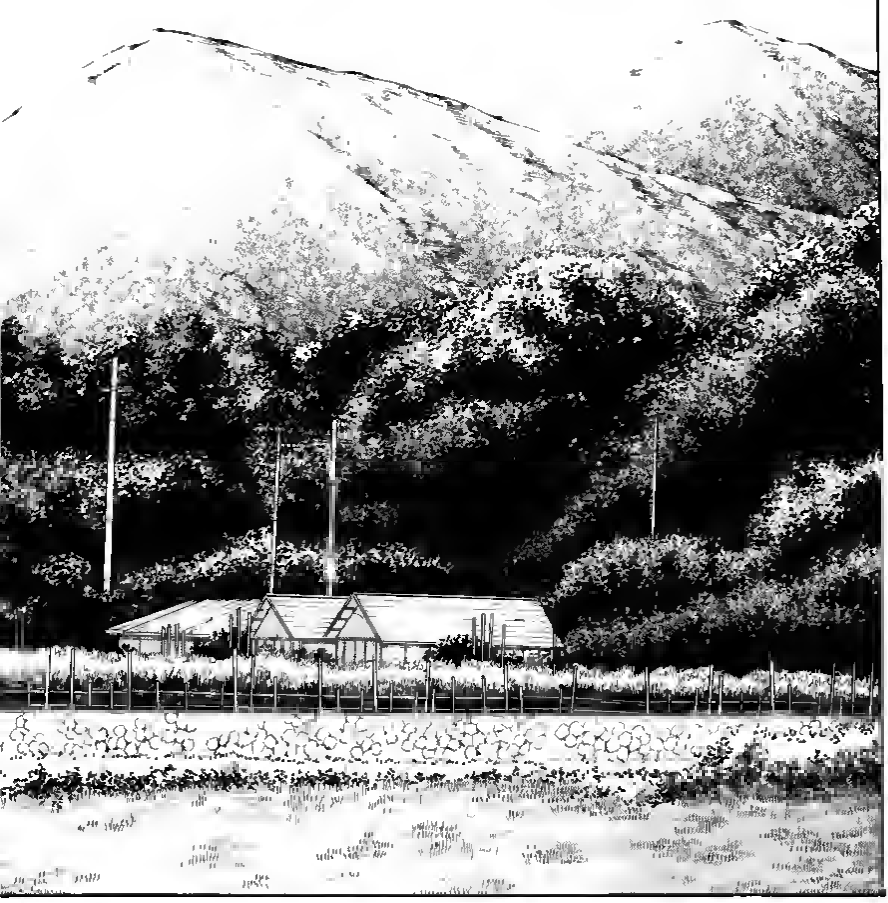
HEY, WHAT THE HELL IS WITH THIS LITTLE RABBIT HERE? DID YOU PUT THIS ON HERE?


AND THIS WAS YOUR IDEA OF WHAT SOMEONE WORKING AT A DELIVERY SERVICE WOULD LOOK LIKE?
I THINK WE LOOK A LITTLE MORE LIKE WE'RE GYM TEACHERS FOR LITTLE KIDS THOUGH.
I- I BOUGHT SOME .. WIGS AND STUFF TOO..
WE'RE PUTTING THESE ON .. THAT'S AN ORDER.. AND YOU'RE GOING TO LISTEN!
RUSTLE RUSTLE
UGH- HHHH, ARE YOU SERIOUS, BRO!?
AIN'T THAT OVERKILL? C'MOO- OOON!!
IT'S MORE THAN FINE IF IT IS .. YOU'RE ACTING A BIT TOO RELAXED ABOUT THIS, YOU KNOW!
WHAT DA HELL IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE!? IT'S ALL POOFY AND CRAP! IT'S GONNA MAKE DOIN' THE JOB HARDER!


I'M JUST MAKING SURE... THE LIKELIHOOD IS AS LOW AS IT CAN BE!
I-I'M NOT... SCARED. I JUST DON'T WANT TO DIE ..
WHEN YOU GET NERVOUS EVEN EASY THINGS GET HARD TO DO, LIKE HOW THEY SAY ON TV ALL THE TIME.
LOOK, MAN .. I KNOW YOU'RE SCARED ABOUT THIS BUT YOU NEED TO GET THAT IN CHECK ALREADY...

'KAY THEN... LET'S DO IT, MAN!!
JINGLE
HRRRMM- MGHHH... WHATEVER!

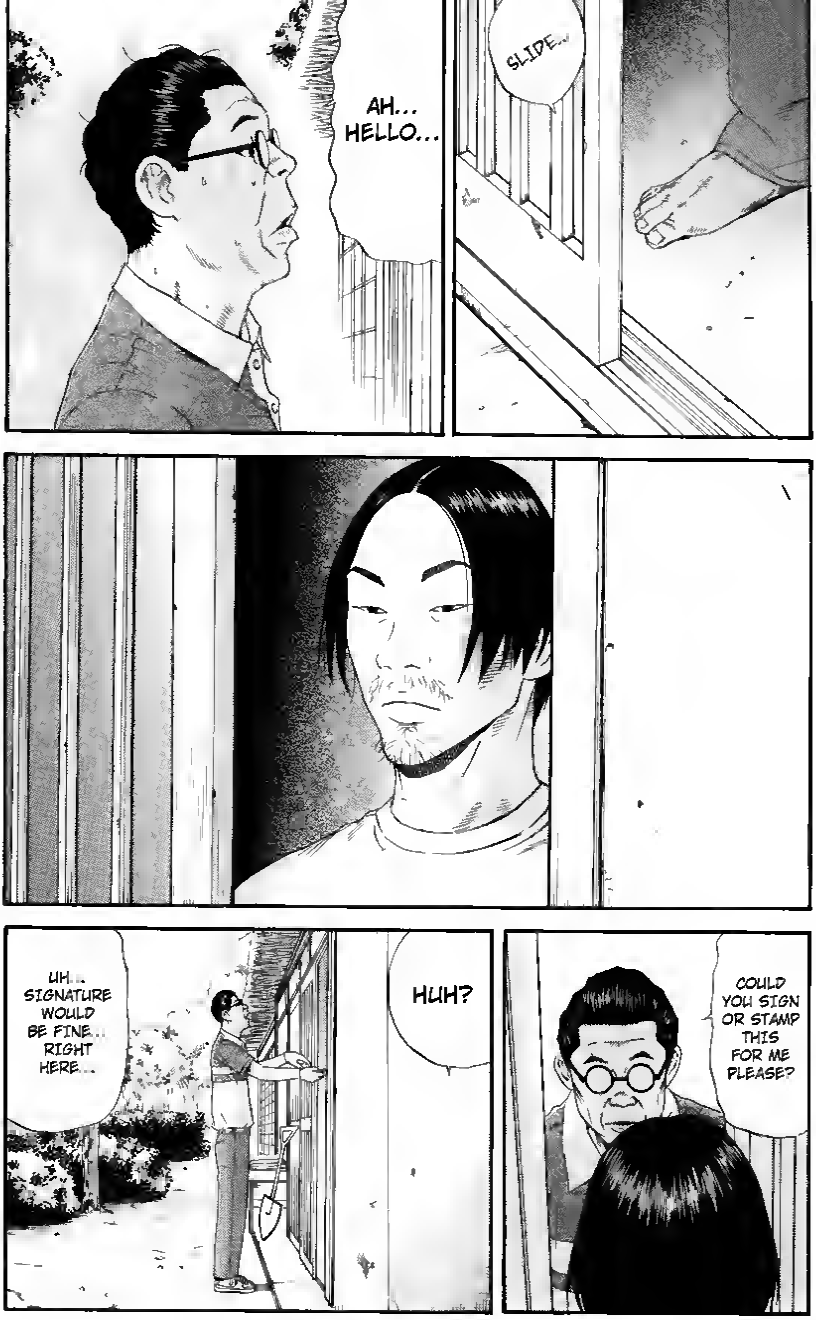

YOU IDIOT .. WE'VE STILL GOT THINGS WE NEED TO BUY... AND YOU NEED TO PRACTICE DRIVING TOO!
LET'S GO AND GET SOMETHING TO EAT FOR NOW! LET'S HAVE SOME SUSHI TO CELEBRATE BEFORE THE MAIN EVENT!



WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH GUYS WHEN THEY GO OUT DRINKING? LIKE, THEY NEVER MENTION THAT THERE WAS A GIRL WITH THEM, AM I RIGHT?

HAHAHA... WELL, THAT'S JUST 'CAUSE HE'S BEING CONSIDERATE, AIN'T IT?

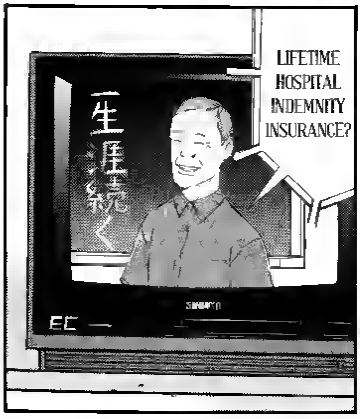
VRMM
RUMBLE
SCREECH
VRMMM
CREAK-
RUMBLE
UEHARA-SAAAAN, DELIVE-RYYYY!
KNOCK KNOCK
STEP
STEP
STEP


AH... HELLO...
SLIDE...
UH... SIGNATURE WOULD BE FINE... RIGHT HERE...
HUH?
COULD YOU SIGN OR STAMP THIS FOR ME PLEASE?

MY NAME, RIGHT ...?
OH...
ALL RIGHT THEN, YOU TAKE CARE
GREAT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH
OKAY.

VRMM
Suzuki
RUMBLE
STEP
STEP
He seemed pretty out of it...
RUMBLE
I guess that's the wayward son he mentioned he had...?
What the hell are these...? Flower bulbs...?
Tch...

I can't friggin' eat this...


LIFETIME HOSPITAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE?
一生涯給付

SFX: THUD-

I need to bury him soon...
THERE MUST BE SOME CATCH!
THERE'S NO CATCH. IT'S A LIFETIME GUARANTEE!
Man, how annoying...

ZAOX

EVERYTHING'S FINE, HE'S IN THE STORE RIGHT NOW.
YEAH, THE COAST IS CLEAR, CRYSTAL!
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING TO GO OUT DRINKING WITH HIS FRIENDS TODAY.
20:13
YEAH, IT'S FINE, IT'S A LITTLE EARLY, BUT YOU CAN GO ON IN.
YUP, THAT'S RIGHT... IT'S IN THE BACK... OKAAAAY, I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER.
THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF THIS FOR MEEEEE!
OHHHHH, THIS IS NIIIICE! I WANNA LIVE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS SOME DAAAAAY!
HEY! ...KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN!

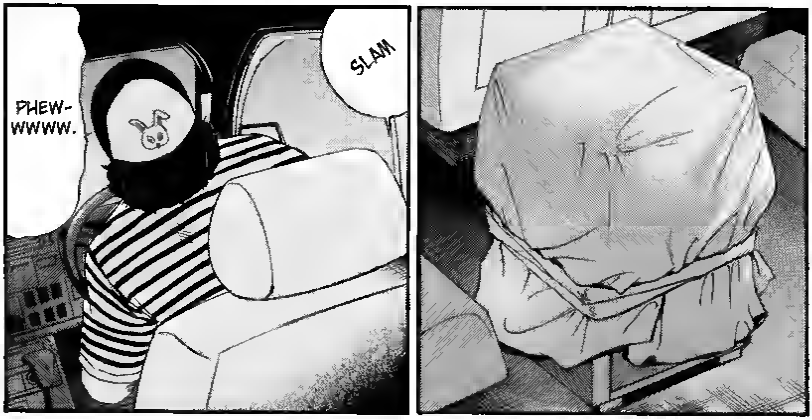
HEY, IT'S OVER HERE, HANAMURA! I FOUND THE SAFE!!
FOUND IT! HERE IT IS!
OH MAN, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS! THIS DUDE HAS GOT A TON OF SUITS!
HE'S RICH!!
WE AREN'T GOING TO DO JACK WITH IT! NOW HURRY UP AND GET OVER HERE! WE'RE GOING TO CARRY OUT THE SAFE!!
WHAT DO YOU WANNA DOOOO WITH IT!?
H-HEY, THIS WATCH HAS THE WORDS ROLEX WRITTEN ON IT!! WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DOOOOO WITH IT!?
SFX: THUD THUMP
SFX: THUD
I-I'M NOT SCREWIN' WITH YOU, MAN! I JUST REALLY, REALLY WANT THAT ROLEX FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART RIGHT NOWWWWW!
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL YOU CAN JUST TAKE IT! STOP SCREWING WITH ME! HURRY UP AND MOVE THE DESK OUT OF THE WAY AND LET'S CARRY THIS OUT!!
BUT C'MON! THIS GUY'S A BAD DUDE, RIGHT!? AND THIS IS A ROLEX WE'RE TALKIN' ABOUT!! WHY SHOULD IT BE TELLIN' SOME SCUMBAG WHAT TIME IT IS!? IT OUGHTA BE TELLIN' ME-

HUFF HUFF...
HUFF HUFF.
KLANG

QUIETLY! STRAIGHT AHEAD!!
OKAY, IT'S READY, C'MON!!

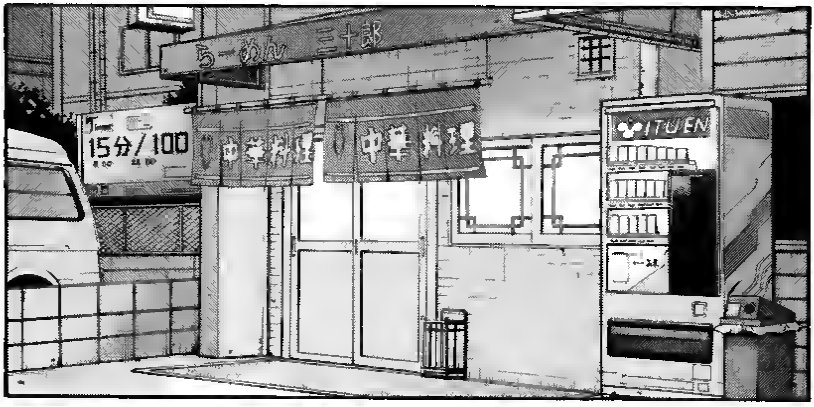
HEY MAN, HOW MUCH, UH... HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK YOU'D GET FOR A WATCH LIKE THAT!?

S-SHUT UP! HURRY UP AND GET IT IN THE CAR!!
YOU THINK IT'S WORTH MORE THAN 1.5 MIL!? IF IT IS I THINK I'MMA CRY!!


PHEW-WWWW.
SLAM

..A-ALL RIGHT ALREADY, MAN .. I'LL FORGET ABOUT IT . THAT AND THE WATCH...
WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME... CAN I GO BACK AND TAKE A DUMP?
UH... HEY, MAN... I REALLY NEED TO TAKE A KILLER SHIT RIGHT NOW...

D-DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT... IF THAT HAPPENS... I'LL PAY YOU...
I'M TOTALLY NOT GONNA BE DOWN IF SHE'S JUST LIKE, "OOPS, I DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY AFTER ALL!"
SHIT, MAN! THAT LADY'S REALLY GONNA GIVE US MONEY FOR THIS, RIGHT!?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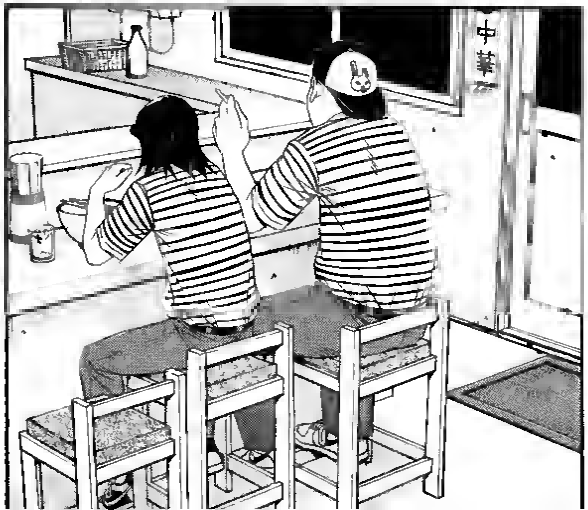
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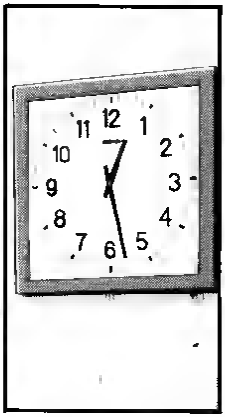
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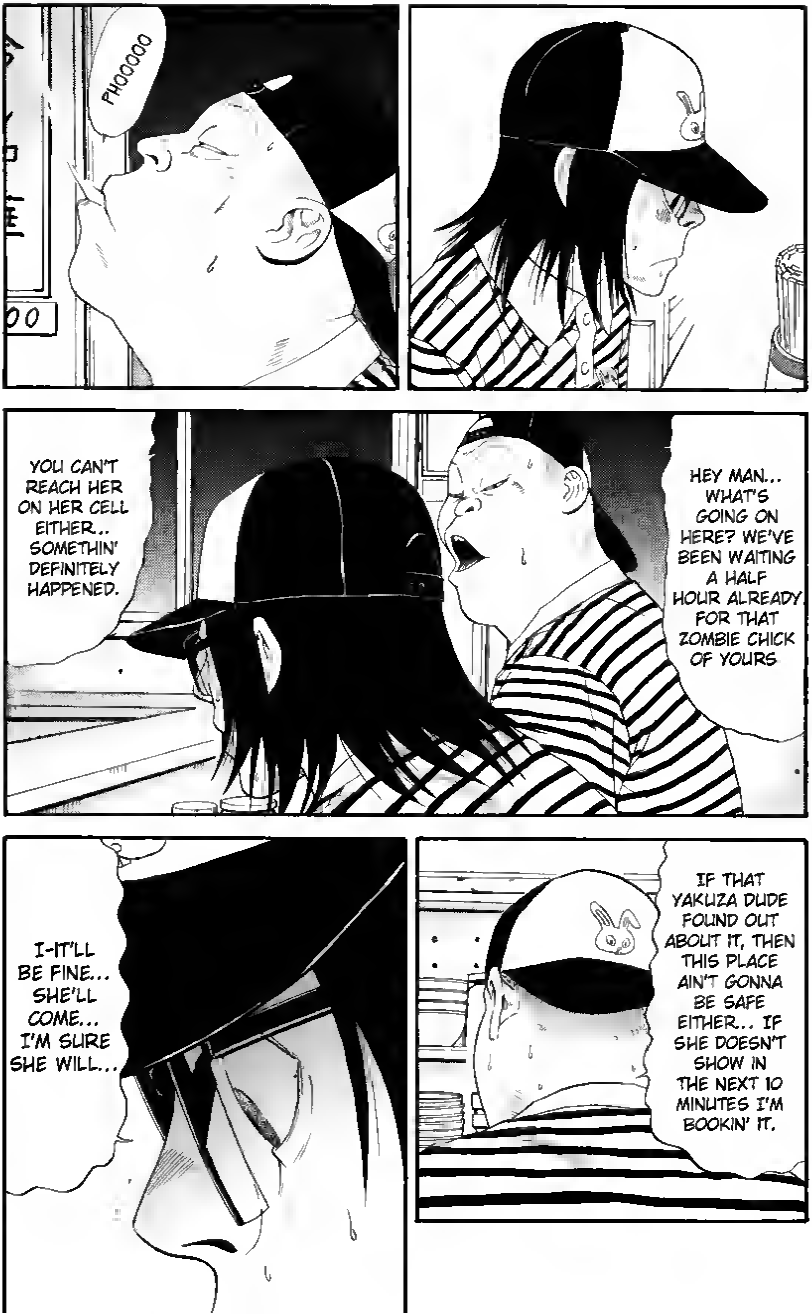
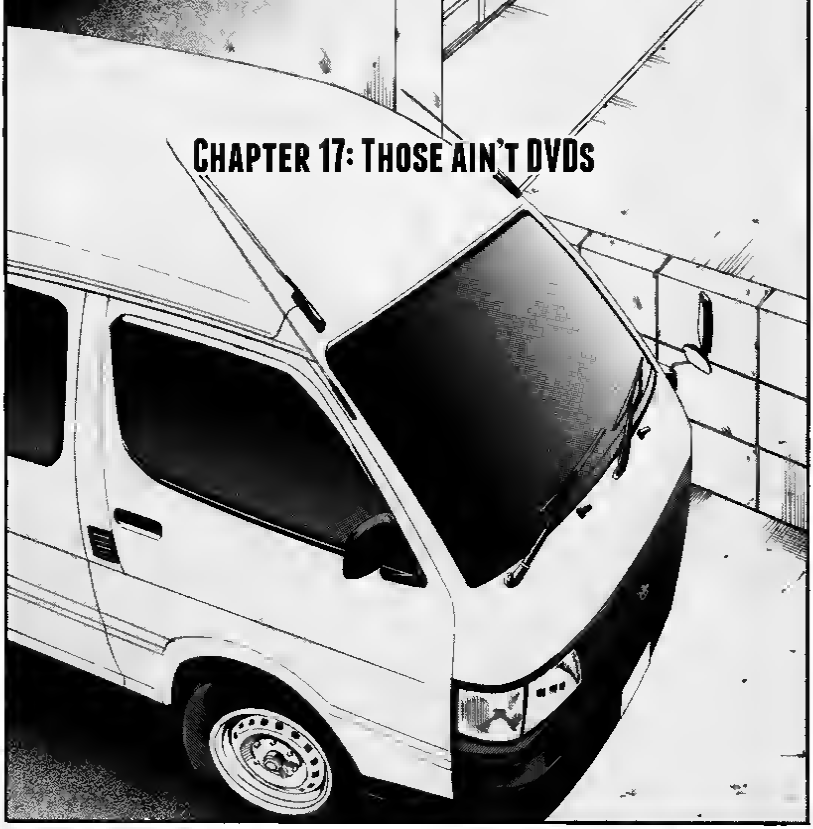

PHOOOOO
00
HEY MAN... WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WE'VE BEEN WAITING A HALF HOUR ALREADY FOR THAT ZOMBIE CHICK OF YOURS
YOU CAN'T REACH HER ON HER CELL EITHER.. SOMETHIN' DEFINITELY HAPPENED.
IF THAT YAKUZA DUDE FOUND OUT ABOUT IT, THEN THIS PLACE AIN'T GONNA BE SAFE EITHER.. IF SHE DOESN'T SHOW IN THE NEXT 10 MINUTES I'M BOOKIN' IT.
I-IT'LL BE FINE.. SHE'LL COME... I'M SURE SHE WILL...

Chapter 17: Those Ain't DVDs



C'MON, MAAAAAN! HASN'T IT BEEN LONG ENOUGH!?
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR 2 HOURS ALREADY!!
THAT BITCH DEFINITELY SNITCHED ON US TO THAT YAKUZA GUY! SHE'S PROBABLY JUST GONNA TRY TO SAVE OWN ASS!!
THEY MIGHT BE COMIN' FOR US RIGHT AT THIS VERY MOMENT, Y'KNOW!! I CAN'T DEAL WITH THIS ANYMORE!
...
SFX: TAP TAP TAP
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タッ
タッ
HRM!?
HEY! SHE'S HERE!! SHE CAME!!
OH MY GAWD, I'M SORRY I'M SOOOOO LATE!
HAA
HAA

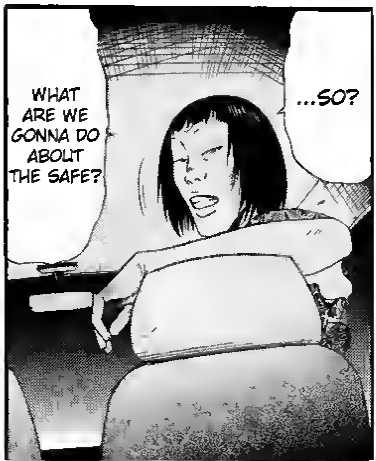
WHOOSH

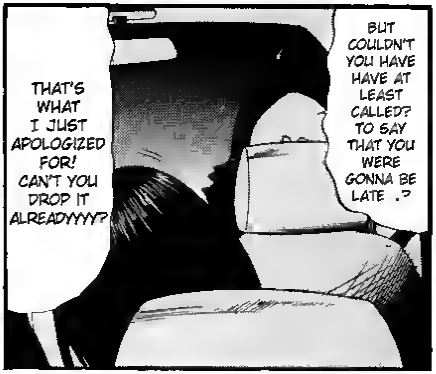
YOU'RE LATE BECAUSE YOU WERE HANGING OUT WITH SOME GUY!?
WHAT!?

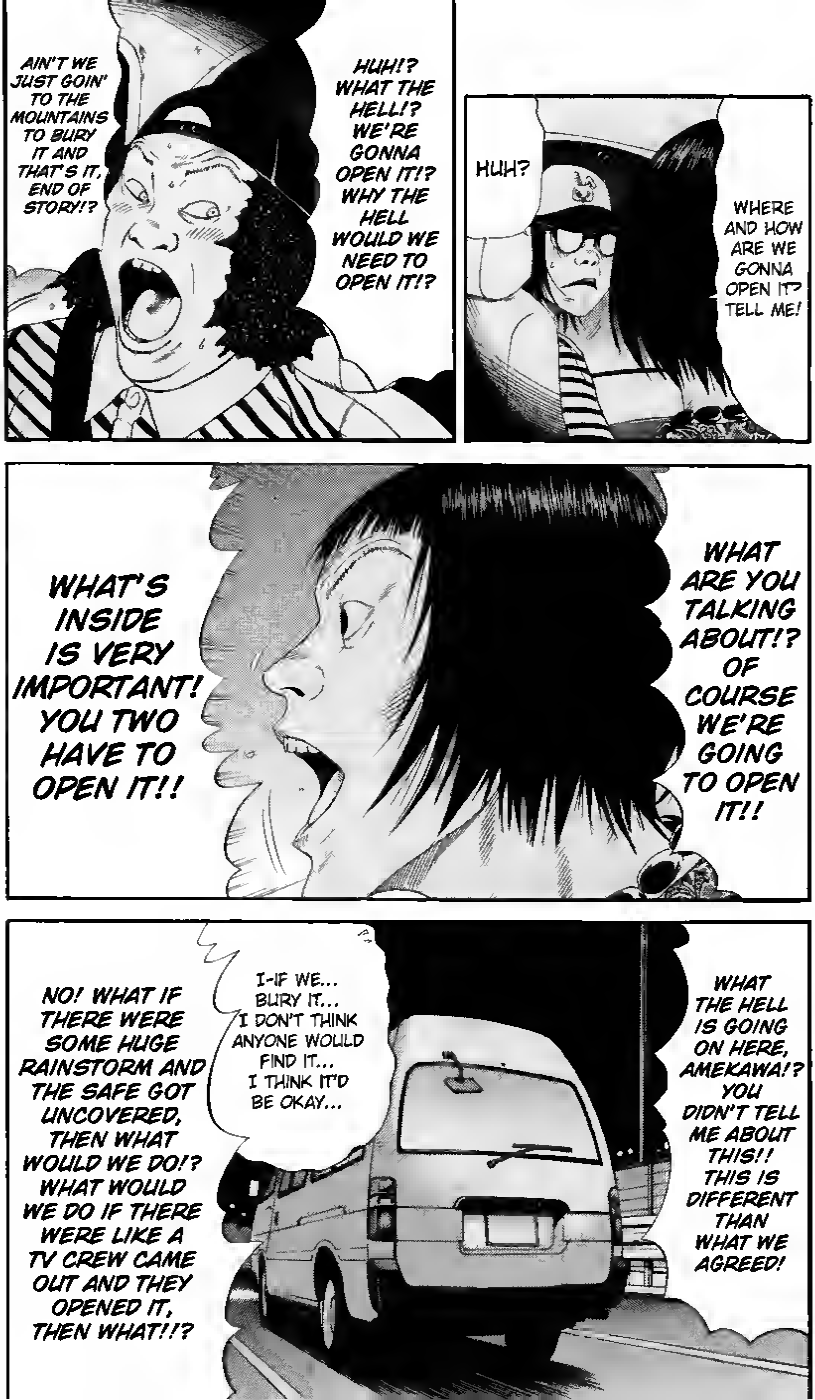
RUMBLE

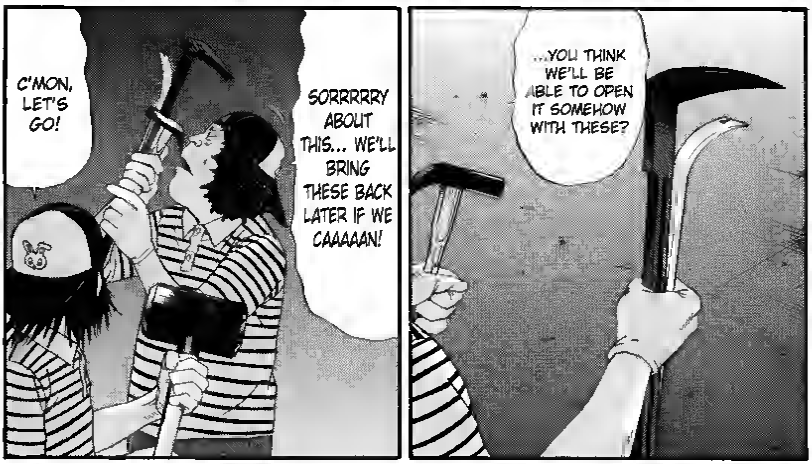
HE WAS SAYING HOW HE JUST HAAAAD TO CUT MY HAIR TODAY! AND I SAID NO, BUT HE WAS JUST SOOOOOO INSISTENT!
YEAHHHH, LIKE THERE WAS THIS GUY WHO STARTED TALKING TO ME AT THE STATION, AND LIKEEEEE HE WAS LIKE A BEAUTICIAN.

THAT GUY COULD DEFINITELY BECOME A CELEB. HE'D TOTALLY MAKE IT WITHOUT EVEN TRYING! AND HIS VOICE WAS SO DAMN SEEEEEEXYYYYY!!
ALL THE GIRLS THAT WALKED BY WERE TURNING BACK AROUND TO LOOK AT HIM AND STUFF!!
AND, I MEAN, HE WAS SOOOO COOL TOO!! HE WAS COMPLETELY PERFECT! LIKE, I'M NOT KIDDING AT ALL!!


WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO ABOUT THE SAFE?
...SO?


THAT'S WHAT I JUST APOLOGIZED FOR! CAN'T YOU DROP IT ALREADYYYY?
BUT COULDN'T YOU HAVE HAVE AT LEAST CALLED? TO SAY THAT YOU WERE GONNA BE LATE .?


AIN'T WE JUST GOIN' TO THE MOUNTAINS TO BURY IT AND THAT'S IT, END OF STORY!?
HUH!? WHAT THE HELL!? WE'RE GONNA OPEN IT!? WHY THE HELL WOULD WE NEED TO OPEN IT!?
HUH?
WHERE AND HOW ARE WE GONNA OPEN IT? TELL ME!
WHAT'S INSIDE IS VERY IMPORTANT! YOU TWO HAVE TO OPEN IT!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? OF COURSE WE'RE GOING TO OPEN IT!!
NO! WHAT IF THERE WERE SOME HUGE RAINSTORM AND THE SAFE GOT UNCOVERED, THEN WHAT WOULD WE DO!? WHAT WOULD WE DO IF THERE WERE LIKE A TV CREW CAME OUT AND THEY OPENED IT, THEN WHAT!!?
I-IF WE... BURY IT... I DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD FIND IT... I THINK IT'D BE OKAY...
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE, AMEKAWA!? YOU DIDN'T TELL ME ABOUT THIS!! THIS IS DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE AGREED!


C'MON, LET'S GO!
SORRRRRY ABOUT THIS... WE'LL BRING THESE BACK LATER IF WE CAAAAAN!
...YOU THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO OPEN IT SOMEHOW WITH THESE?

H-HOLD ON NOW... JUST CALM DOWN... SHE MUST BE WORKED UP TOO...
ONCE WE GET PAID LET'S JUST LEAVE HER IN THE MOUNTAINS AND GO BACK HOME!
HEY... WHAT'S WITH THAT WOMAN...? IS SHE CRAZY OR SOMETHING? SHE CAME LATE AND THEN JUST STARTS ORDERING US AROUND

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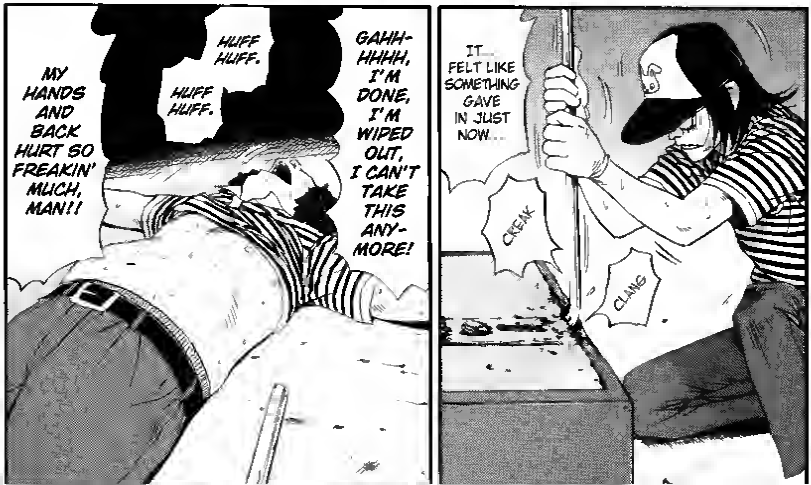
SFX CLANG

HUH!? DID WE GET IT OPEN!?
OH, WAIT! WAIT A SECOND!!

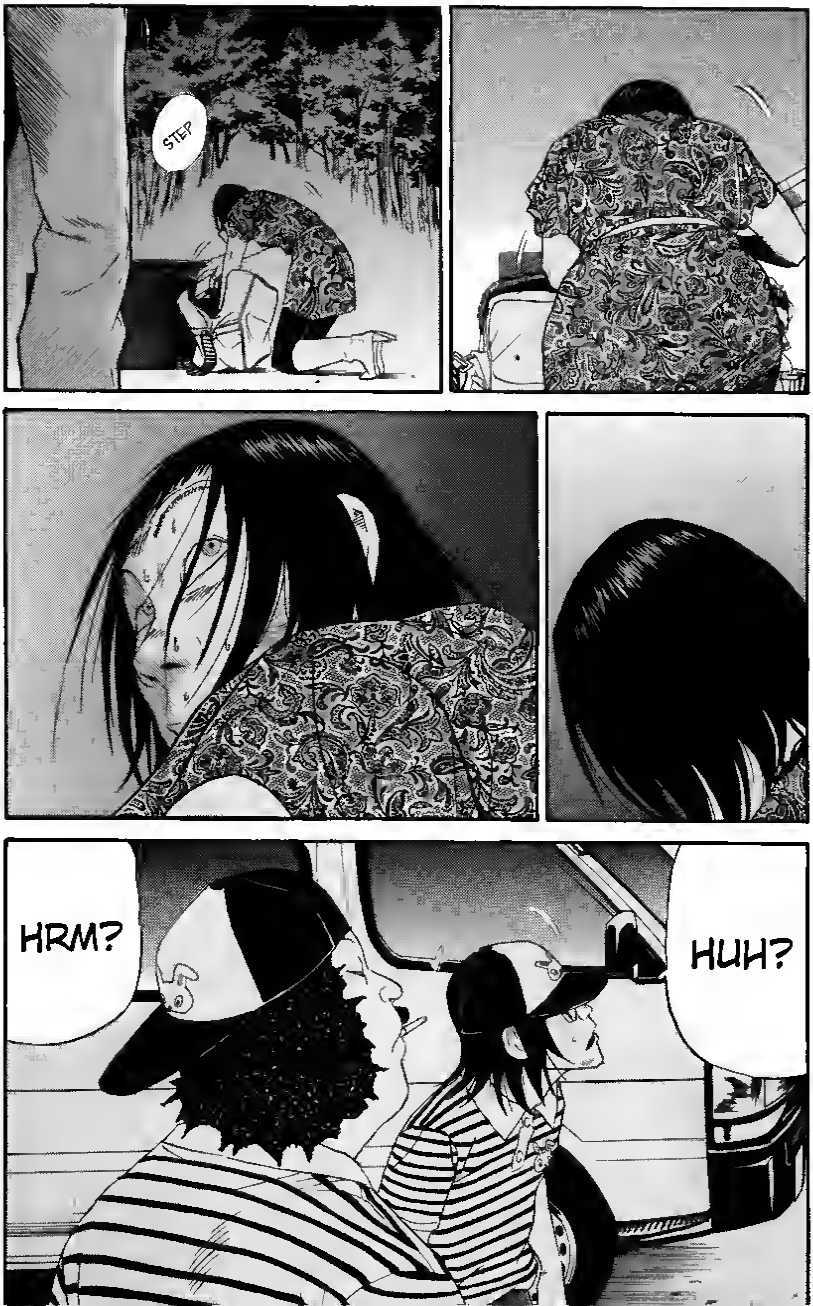

MY HANDS AND BACK HURT SO FREAKIN' MUCH, MAN!!
HUFF HUFF.
HUFF HUFF.
GAHH-HHHH, I'M DONE, I'M WIPED OUT, I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANY-MORE!
IT... FELT LIKE SOMETHING GAVE IN JUST NOW...
CREAK
CLANG

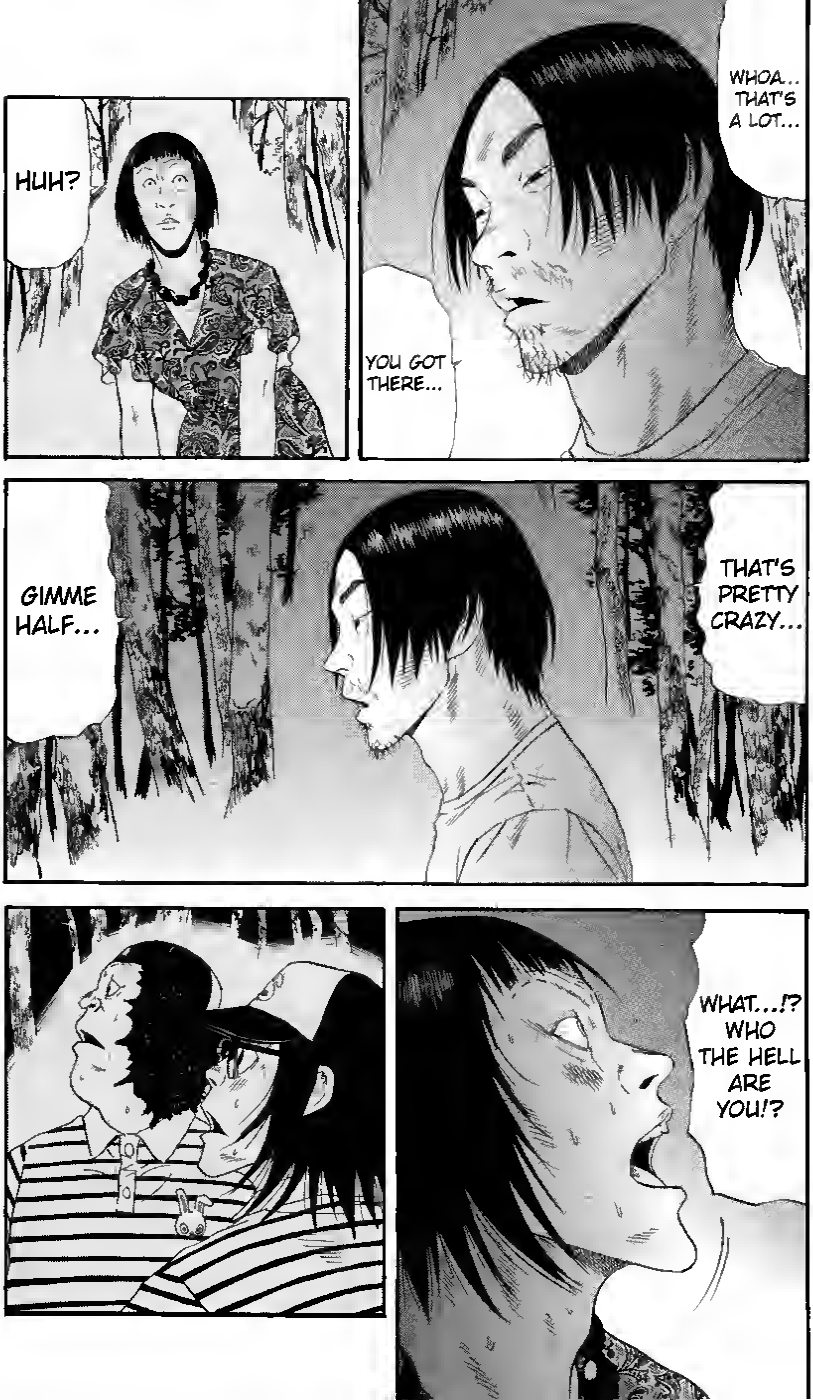
CLUNK
AH!!!
HOW'S IT GOINNNG? DID YOU GET IT OPENNNNN?
THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF PICTURES OF ME AND OTHER GIRLS IN THERE SO PLEASE SHOW SOME CONSIDE-RATION, OKAY?
OKAY, THEN YOU TWO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE FOR A BIT. I'LL TAKE OUT WHAT'S INSIDE.
IT'S OPEN! WE GOT IT OPEN-NNNN!!
SHUT UP, YOU FAT PIG! I'M PAYING YOU SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH THAT!?
AND BESIDES, AREN'T YOU GONNA SAY THANKS OR NOTHIN'!? NOT ONLY WERE YOU LATE, YOU DIDN'T EVEN DO A SINGLE THING!
NO, NO, NO! AND TURN OFF THE CAR LIGHTS TOO!
HUFF
HUFF
NEVERMIND THE PICTURES OF THE OTHER GIRLS I DEFINITELY DON'T WANNA SEE ANYTHIN' OF YOU! I'M JUST GONNA LIE DOWN HERE AND TAKE A NAP!

KREEEK
HERE WE GO!!
YOU BETTER HAVE MY MONEY!! IF YOU DON'T THEN I'M GONNA BURY YOU OUT HERE!!
FORGET IT... C'MON, LET'S GO!

HUH?
ZIP
A SECOND HERE...
HOLD ON...

Whoa...
RUSTLE
RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE
RUSTLE
I can't believe he told me he only kept around 3 million in here ..
...THERE'S LIKE 100 MILLION IN HERE!
...OH MY GOD!


STEP
HRM?
HUH?


WHOA... THAT'S A LOT...
YOU GOT THERE...
HUH?
THAT'S PRETTY CRAZY...
GIMME HALF...
WHAT...!? WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!?

I SAID, WHO THE FUCK ARE YOU!? WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT!?
SHUT UP AND GET THE FUCK OUT OF HERE YOU PIECE OF SHIT HICK!!
STOP SCREAMING... I SAID JUST HALF, DIDN'T I?
SHUT UP, YOU ASSHOLE!! JUST GET THE FUCK OUT OF HERE!! GO HOME AND GO THE FUCK TO SLEEP!!

THERE'S NOTHING TO FUCKIN' NEGOTIATE ABOUT!! WHAT, ARE YOU A FUCKIN' RETARD OR SOMETHING!? YOU WANNA GET BEAT THE FUCK UP OR SOMETHING!!?
I'M TRYING TO NEGOTIATE WITH YOU RIGHT NOW, YOU KNOW.
GET THE FUCK OUT OF HERE ALREADY-YYY!!
I'M GOING OUT WITH ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE GROUP!! GO AHEAD AND TRY TO FUCKIN' DO SOME-THIN'!! YOU'LL GET FUCKED FOR IT FOR SURE!!
YOU NEVER HEARD OF THE FUCKIN' KAMENASHI GROUP OR SOMETHING!? THIS IS MONEY THAT BELONGS TO THEM!!

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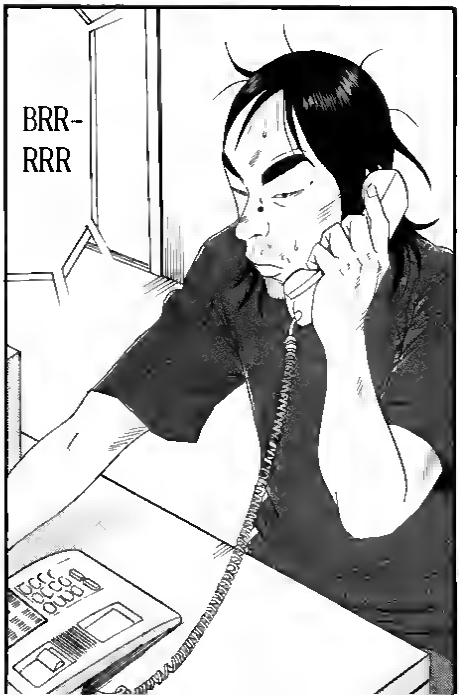
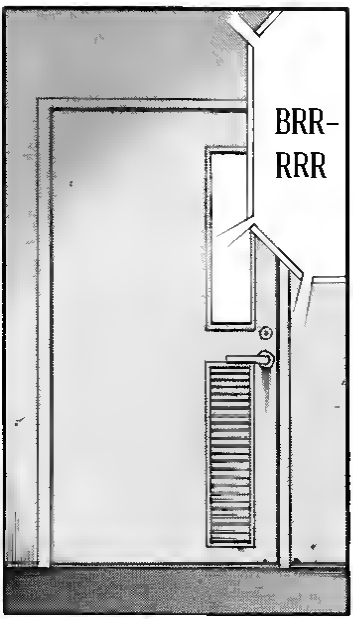


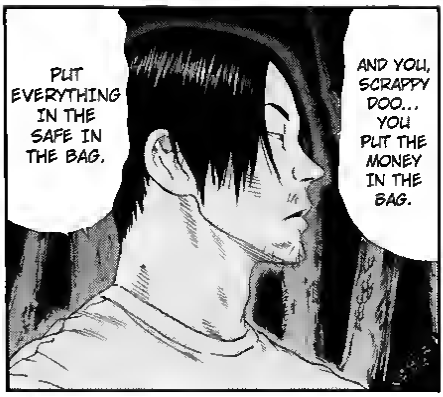


ACCORDING TO THE PLAN, THEY SHOULD'VE BEEN BACK AGES AGO!
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO THEM!?
SHIT!!
CLICK
HRM...
AMEKAWA'S GONNA SHOW UP FOR WORK TOMORROW, RIGHT...?
WHY AREN'T EIIIITHER OF THEM ANNNN-SWERING, MAN...?
PARA-RARA-RARA
CLICK CLICK
THEY DIDN'T GET INTO AN ACCIDENT OR SOME-THING DID THEY ?

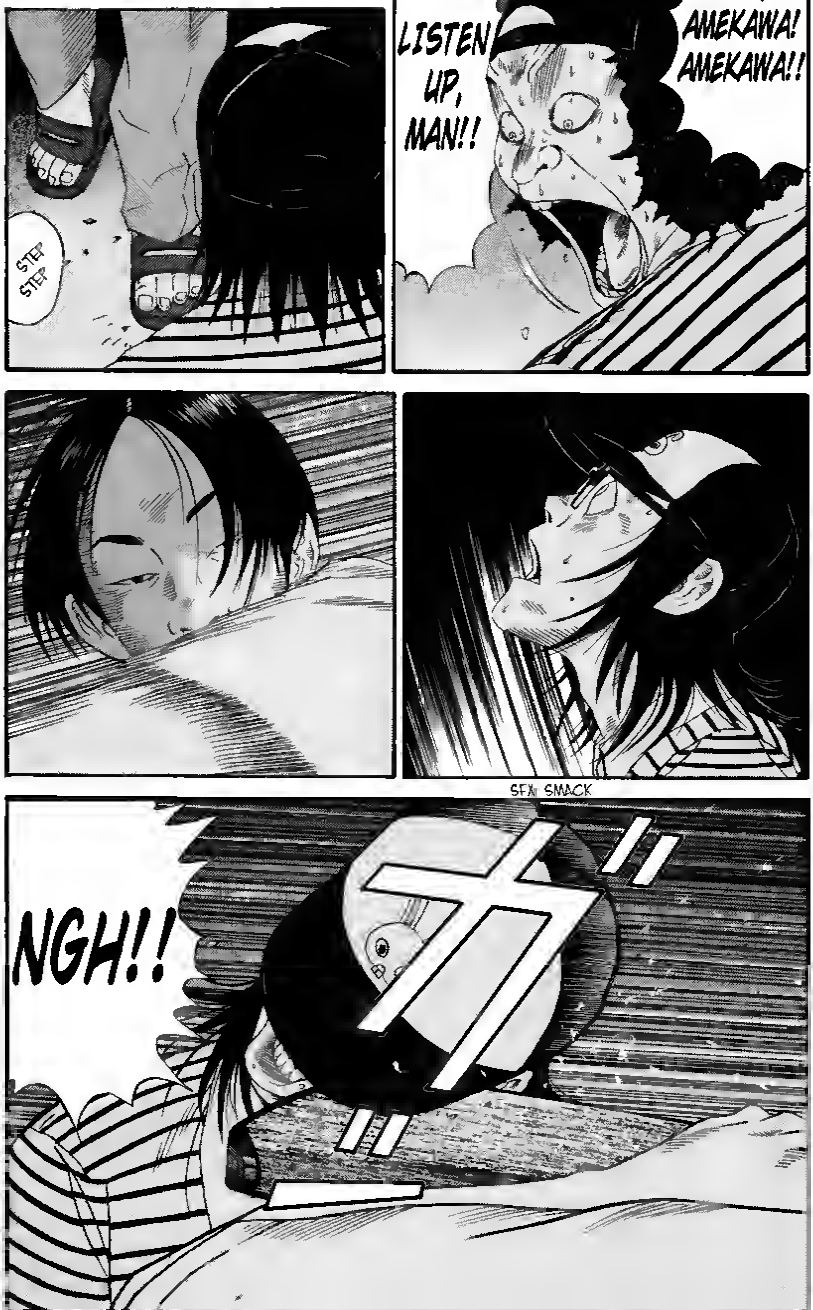
PARA RARA
HEY, YOU... SHAGGY.

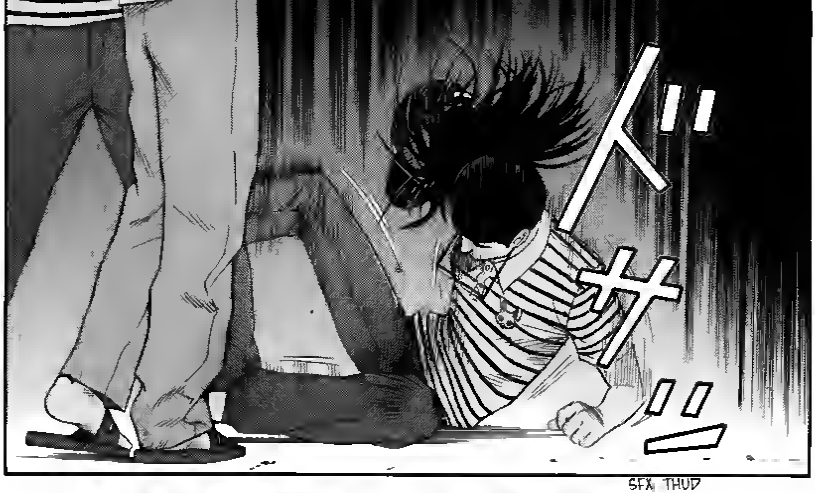
YOU DIG A HOLE AND BURY THE WOMAN.
MAKE SURE YOU BURY HER WELL, I'M GONNA BE CHECKING LATER.

OH, RIGHT. FIRST GIMME THE KEYS TO THE CAR... TOSS THEM HERE.
HUH...?


PUT EVERYTHING IN THE SAFE IN THE BAG.
AND YOU, SCRAPPY DOO... YOU PUT THE MONEY IN THE BAG.

ANSWER ME.
HEY, MIDGET, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME...?


HEY, AMEKAWA! AMEKAWA!!
LISTEN UP, MAN!!
STEP STEP
SFX: SMACK
NGH!!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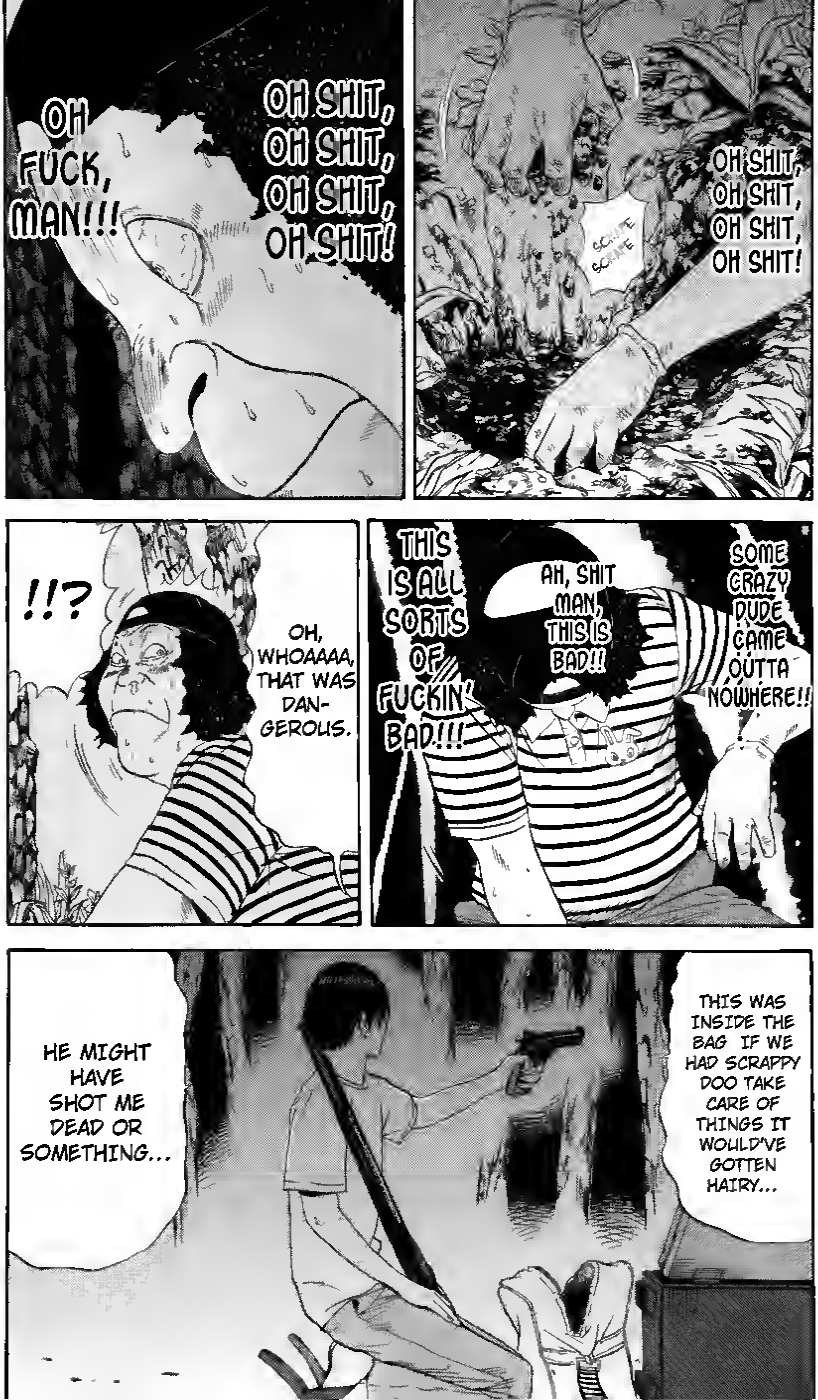
SFX: THUD

UHH... YEAH, IN THE CAR!!
HUH!!?
HEY SHAGGY, YOU GOT SOME MASKING TAPE WITH YOU, DON'T YOU?

O-OKAY!!
HURRY UP! GET A MOVE ON IT!
EH!? I MEAN... GOT IT!
ALL RIGHT YOU START OFF BY WRAPPING SCRAPPY DOO HERE IN TAPE


OH FUCK, MAN!!!
OH SHIT, OH SHIT, OH SHIT, OH SHIT!
OH SHIT, OH SHIT, OH SHIT, OH SHIT!
!!?
OH, WHOAAAA, THAT WAS DAN-GEROUS.
THIS IS ALL SORTS OF FUCKIN' BAD!!!
AH, SHIT MAN, THIS IS BAD!!
SOME CRAZY DUDE CAME OUTTA NOWHERE!!
HE MIGHT HAVE SHOT ME DEAD OR SOMETHING...
THIS WAS INSIDE THE BAG IF WE HAD SCRAPPY DOO TAKE CARE OF THINGS IT WOULD'VE GOTTEN HAIRY...

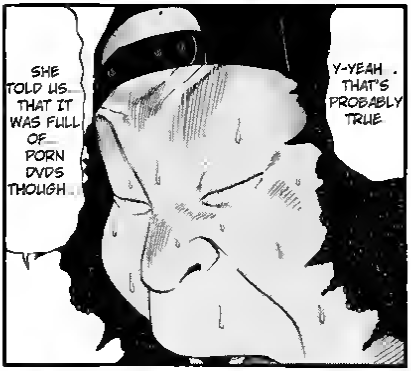
AH... OKAY...
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? HURRY UP AND DIG...

WHOA, THAT'S A LOT... YOU GOT THERE...
BACK THEN...
WHY DIDN'T SHE JUST...

SHE COULD SEE THE GUN, TOO...
SO WHY DID SHE JUST SIT THERE STARING AT HIM...?

UHM.. THERE ARE 106...
1 MILLION YEN BUNDLES..
101... 102... 103...
104... 105... 106...
AND THERE ARE... LIKE A BUNCH OF PAPERS FOR STOCKS AND STUFF...
THAT MEANS... THERE'S 106 MILLION YEN..
106 1 MILLION YEN BUNDLES, WHICH MAKES IT..?
THAT'S PRETTY AMAZING, HUH...?
OOOOH, WOWWWW. 106 MILLION YEN, HUHHHH?

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHAT DO I THINK?
SO... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
TAP


SHE TOLD US... THAT IT WAS FULL OF— PORN DVDS THOUGH...
Y-YEAH . THAT'S PROBABLY TRUE

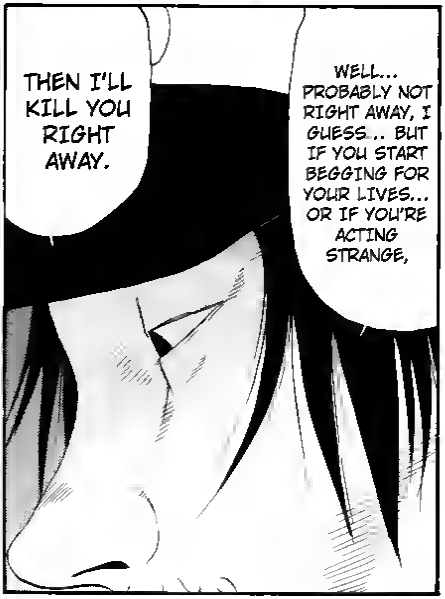
THAT THIS MONEY BELONGS TO THE YAKUZA?
YOU THINK THAT WOMAN WAS TELLING THE TRUTH...?

WHY DID THIS MONEY APPEAR IN FRONT OF ME AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT IN TIME...?
WELL... I REALLY DON'T GIVE A SHIT WHOSE MONEY IT IS... THE QUESTION IS WHY.
HUH?
ISN'T THAT LIKE.. SOME SORT OF MESSAGE TO ME OR SOMETHING? LIKE, "YOU SHOULD KEEP ON LIVING!"
"ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME FOR ME TO DIE?"
FSST
'CAUSE, I MEAN... JUST A FEW HOURS AGO I WAS THINKING...

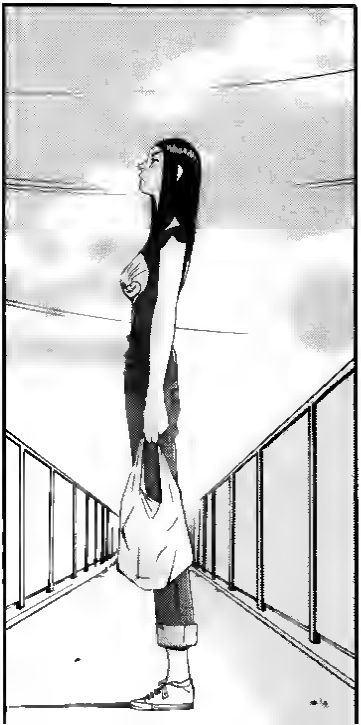
WHICH NOW, FOR SOME REASON, HAS A RIDICULOUS HUGE PILE OF MONEY IN MIDDLE OF IT.
AND I WAS LAZING AROUND, THINKING ABOUT THAT IN THIS VERY ROOM HERE...
UHM... UH...
HM?
SO, BECAUSE OF THAT, I'VE GOT A WHOLE LOT ON MY MIND RIGHT NOW
M-ME... AND THE LITTLE GUY... UH...
ARE WE... GONNA BE KILLED?

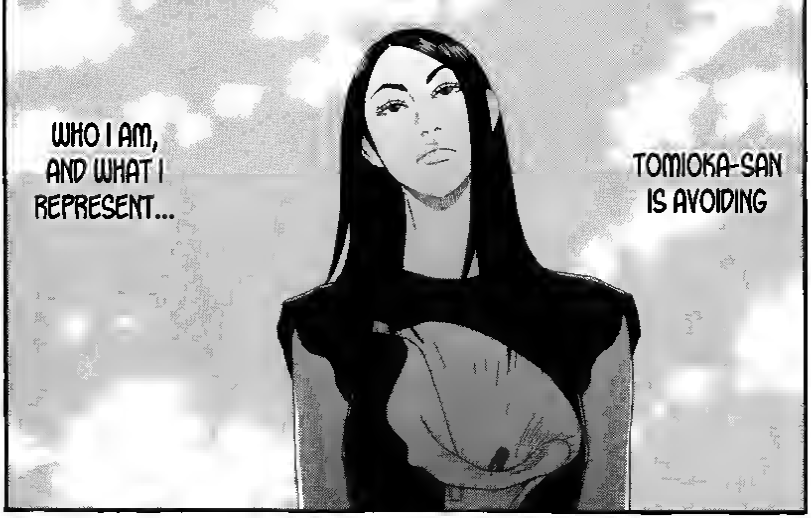
YEAH.

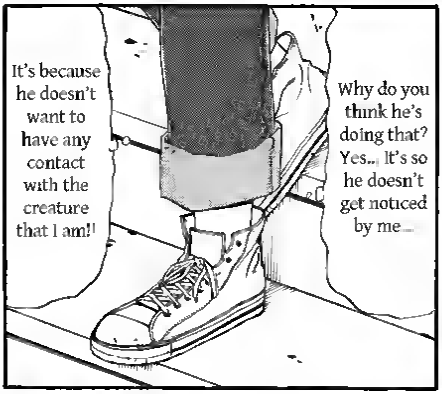
KEEP ME COMPANY FOR A LITTLE LONGER, THOUGH...
I'VE GOT PLENTY OF MONEY IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES

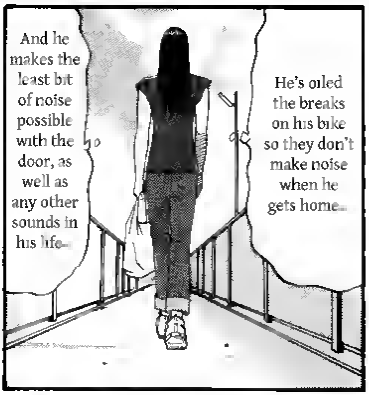

THEN I'LL KILL YOU RIGHT AWAY.
WELL... PROBABLY NOT RIGHT AWAY, I GUESS... BUT IF YOU START BEGGING FOR YOUR LIVES... OR IF YOU'RE ACTING STRANGE,

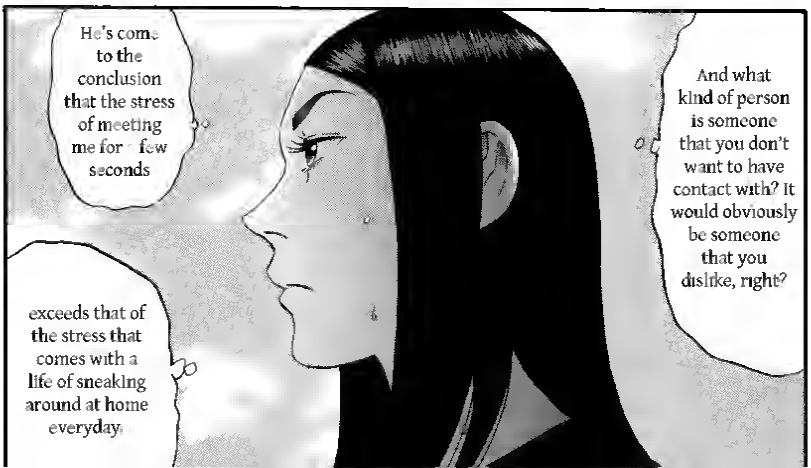
HE'S AVOIDING ME.

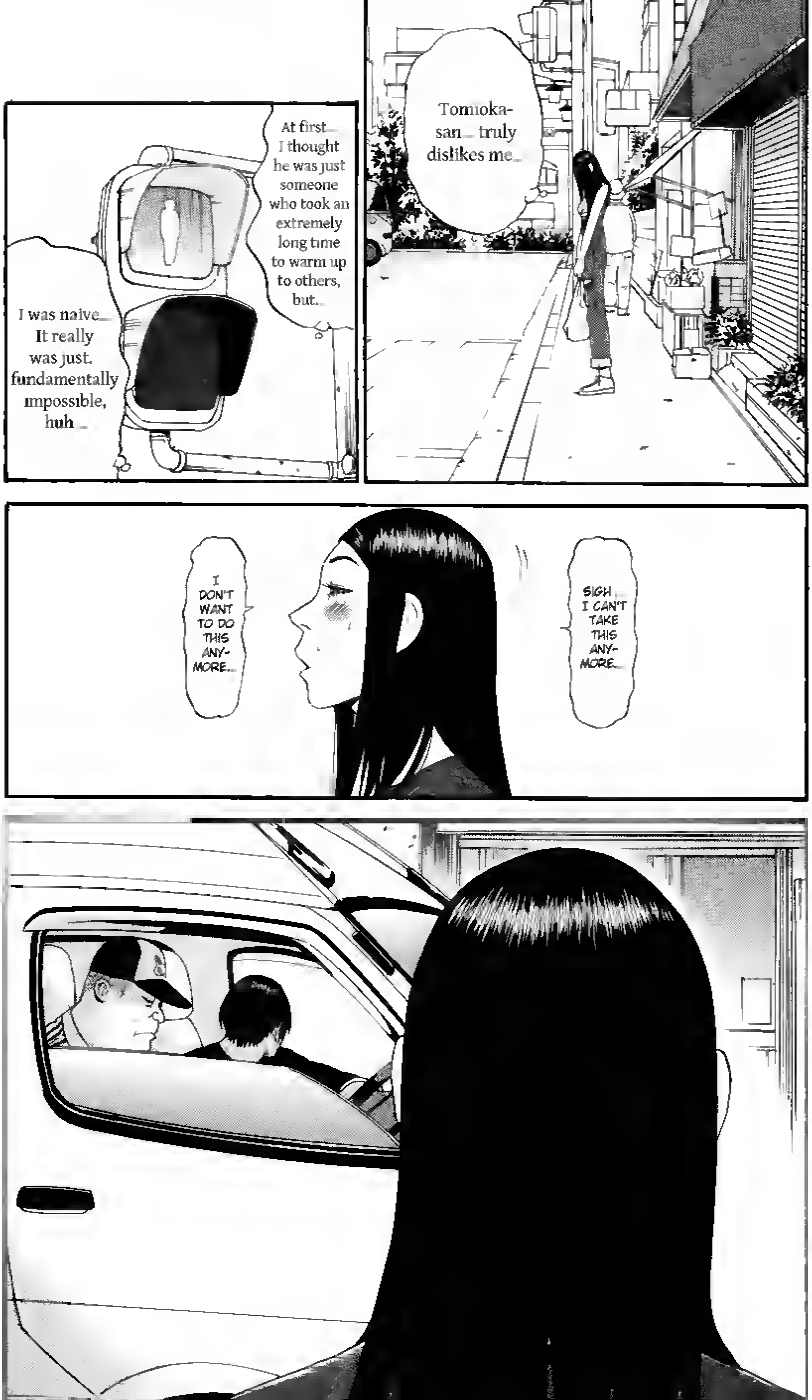



WHO I AM, AND WHAT I REPRESENT...
TOMIOKA-SAN IS AVOIDING


It's because he doesn't want to have any contact with the creature that I am!!
Why do you think he's doing that? Yes... It's so he doesn't get noticed by me...


And he makes the least bit of noise possible with the door, as well as any other sounds in his life.
He's oiled the breaks on his bike so they don't make noise when he gets home.


He's come to the conclusion that the stress of meeting me for a few seconds
exceeds that of the stress that comes with a life of sneaking around at home everyday.
And what kind of person is someone that you don't want to have contact with? It would obviously be someone that you dislike, right?


Tomioka-san... truly dislikes me...
At first... I thought he was just someone who took an extremely long time to warm up to others, but...
I was naive... It really was just fundamentally impossible, huh...
I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS ANY-MORE...
SIGH... I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANY-MORE...

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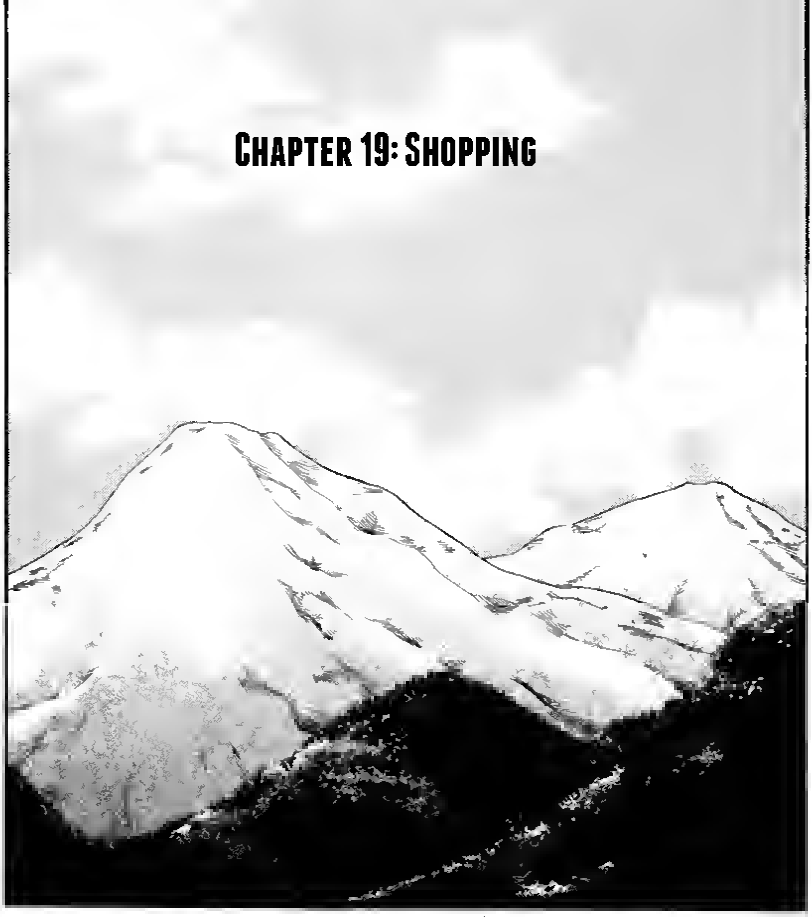
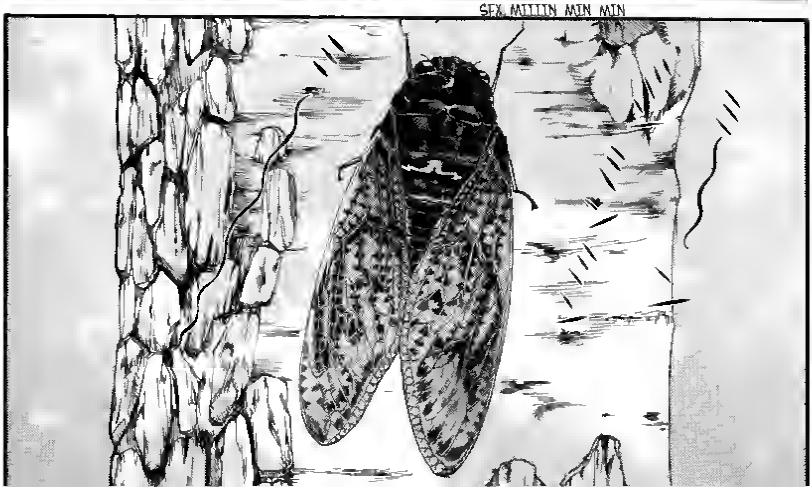
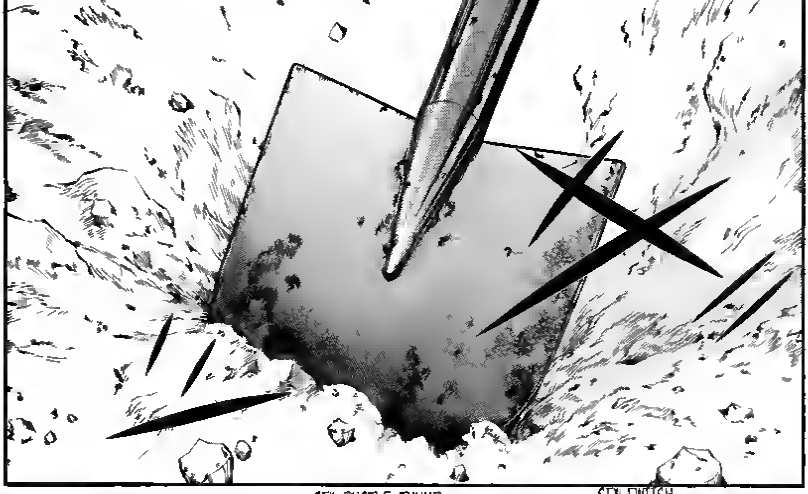






SFX. RUSTLE THUMP

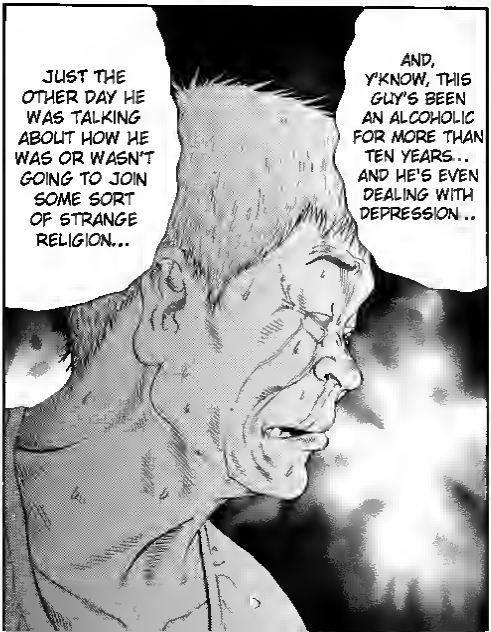
SFX. FWIISH

SFX. MIIIIIN MIN MIN

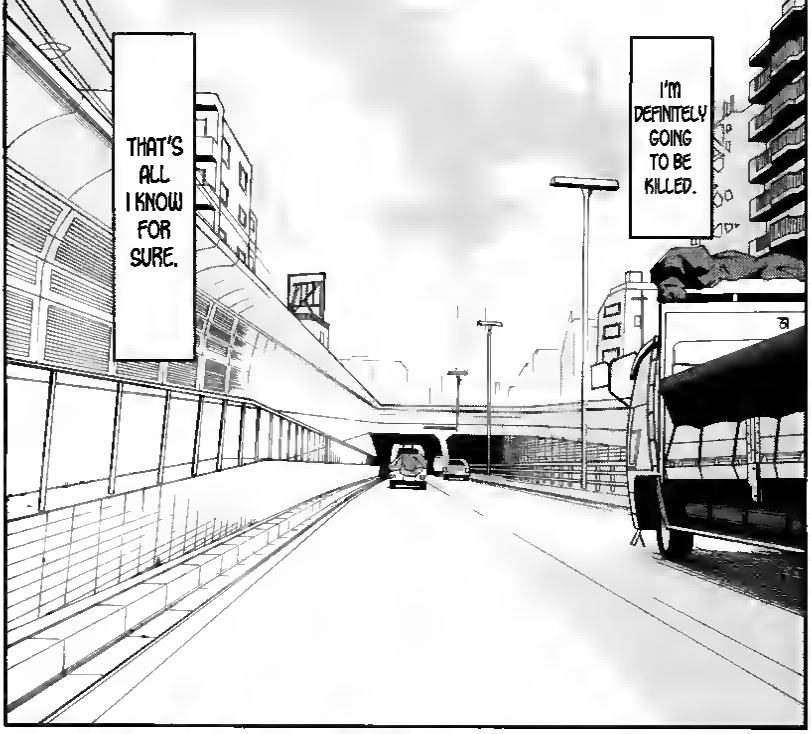
MAAAAAN... THAT'S GOTTA BE ROUGH FOR YOU...
HAVING TO BURY DEAD BODIES FOR TWO DAYS IN A ROW
UHM..
COULD I ASK YOU SOME-THING ?
THIS HOLE I'M DIGGING...
WHO'S GOING TO BE PUT IN IT?

MY DAD...
...MY OLD MAN.
SO ARE YOU TELLING ME...
THAT YOU KILLED YOUR OWN DAD TOO?
HE'S IN THE BATHROOM OVER THERE... YOU THINK YOU CAN BURY HIM FOR ME?
TO SOME SORT OF BLACK HOLE RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES...
IF YOU WOKE UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...
LET ME ASK YOU SOME-THING,

AND WHEN YOU LOOKED CLOSER, YOU SAW IT WAS YOUR ALCOHOLIC WRECK OF A FATHER..
CRYING, WITH A GUN POINTED AT YOU... WHAT WOULD YOU DO?


JUST THE OTHER DAY HE WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW HE WAS OR WASN'T GOING TO JOIN SOME SORT OF STRANGE RELIGION...
AND, Y'KNOW, THIS GUY'S BEEN AN ALCOHOLIC FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS... AND HE'S EVEN DEALING WITH DEPRESSION..

IF HE SAID THAT?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO...
"TODAY'S THE ONLY DAY WE CAN MEET HER, SO LET'S DIE...! LET'S DIE TOGETHER!"
AND HE SAYS, "TODAY'S THE REAL ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR MOTHER'S DEATH!"
YOU TRYING TO LECTURE ME OR SOMETHING?
HUH? WHAT'S THAT?
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO KILL HIM FOR THAT...
B-BUT..
SHOPPING..?
AH, WHATEVER... HEY, PUT A STOP TO THAT. LET'S GO DOWNTOWN. GOT SOME SHOPPING TO DO.
THERE AIN'T NOTHING TO EAT... THINK I'M GONNA STARVE TO DEATH.
I DON'T MIND BURYING FOLK OUT OF ORDER..
YOU BETTER WATCH OUT OR THAT HOLE MIGHT END UP BEING YOURS

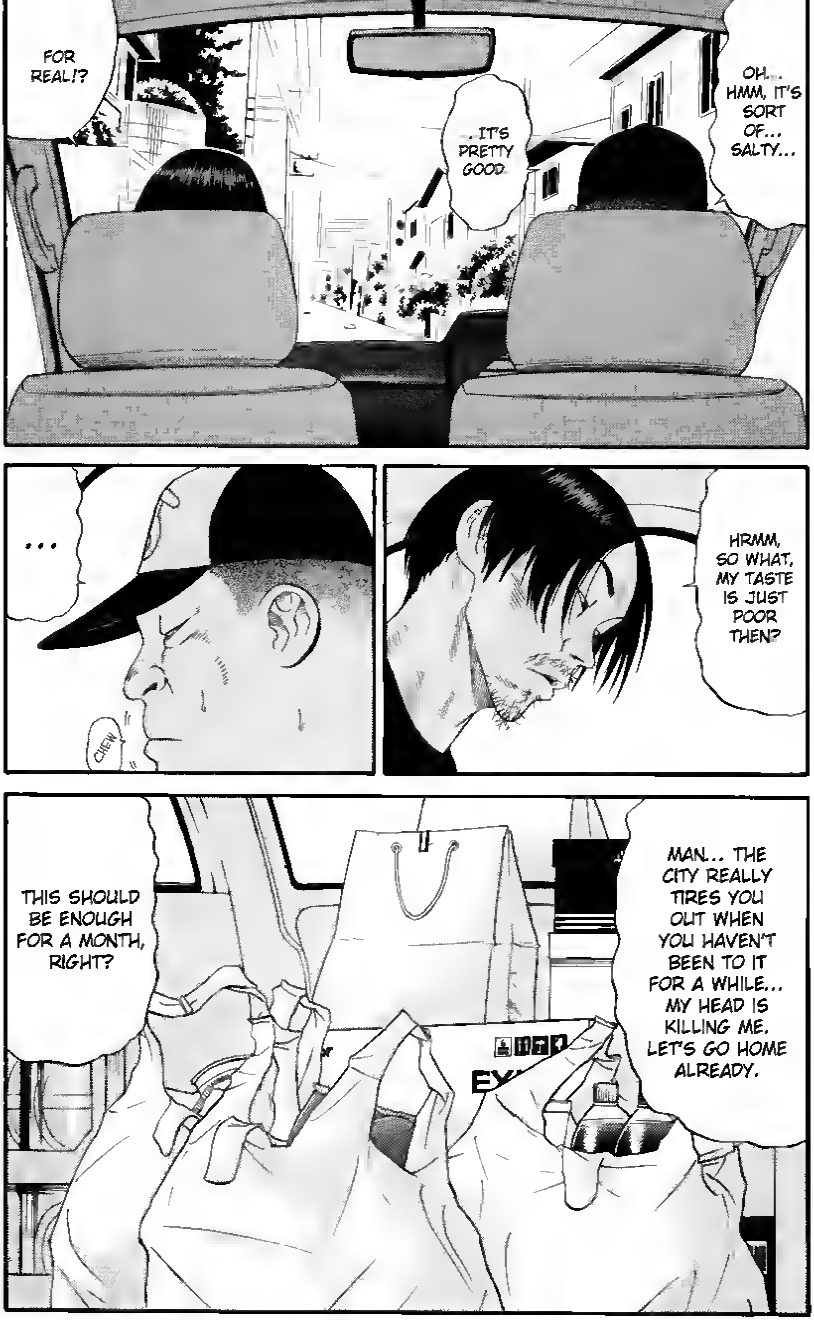

THAT'S ALL I KNOW FOR SURE.
I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO BE KILLED.

JUST LIKE THAT WOMAN...
I'M GOING TO BE MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD

THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.

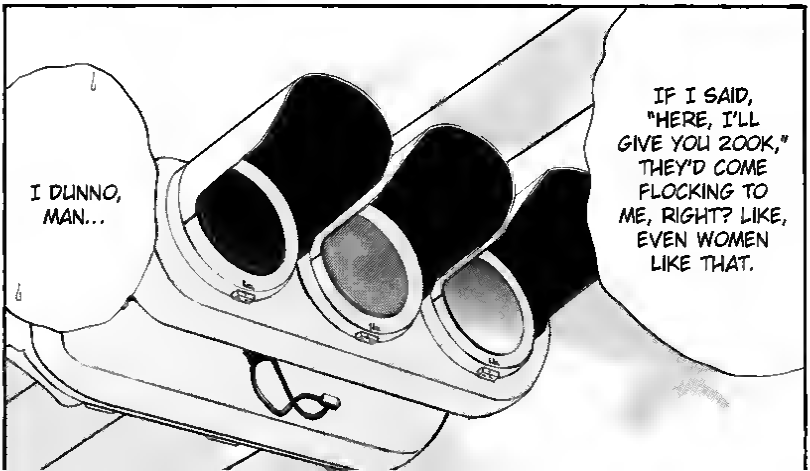
HE'S KILLED AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE ALREADY!!
THIS GUY'S A MURDERER!
HEY, SOMEBODY HELP ME!!
C'MON, PLEASE! SOMEONE SAVE ME!!
HE'S CRAZY!!
AND ONE OF THEM IS HIS OWN DAD!!
HE'D MAKE SURE TO KILL ME!!
150m
HE'D KNOW THAT HE'D BE SHOT BY THE POLICE FOR IT, BUT RIGHT BEFORE THAT'D HAPPEN...
168m
EVEN IF I TRIED TO RUN TO THAT POLICE BOX OVER THERE... HE'D PROBABLY STILL KILL ME.

UGHHH!!
SFX RUMBLE
UH .. NO.
HEY, HAVE YOU HAD IT BEFORE?
CAVIAR'S FREAKIN' GROSS!!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
LICK
TRY SOME OF IT.


FOR REAL!?
..IT'S PRETTY GOOD.
OH... HMM, IT'S SORT OF... SALTY...
...
CHEW
HRMM, SO WHAT, MY TASTE IS JUST POOR THEN?
THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR A MONTH, RIGHT?
MAN... THE CITY REALLY TIRES YOU OUT WHEN YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO IT FOR A WHILE... MY HEAD IS KILLING ME. LET'S GO HOME ALREADY.

OH YEAH, AND SOME GIRLS WOULD BE GOOD. I NEED ME SOME WOMEN...

A WOMAN WHO'D MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE, "NOW I'VE GOT NO REGRETS!"
A GOOD LOOKING ONE WOULD BE NICE, RIGHT...? ONE THAT YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO GET, LIKE, NORMALLY...


I DUNNO, MAN...
IF I SAID, "HERE, I'LL GIVE YOU 200K," THEY'D COME FLOCKING TO ME, RIGHT? LIKE, EVEN WOMEN LIKE THAT.

Huh?
Isn't that the guy who works with Tomioka-san...?
Is that Hanabayashi-kun?

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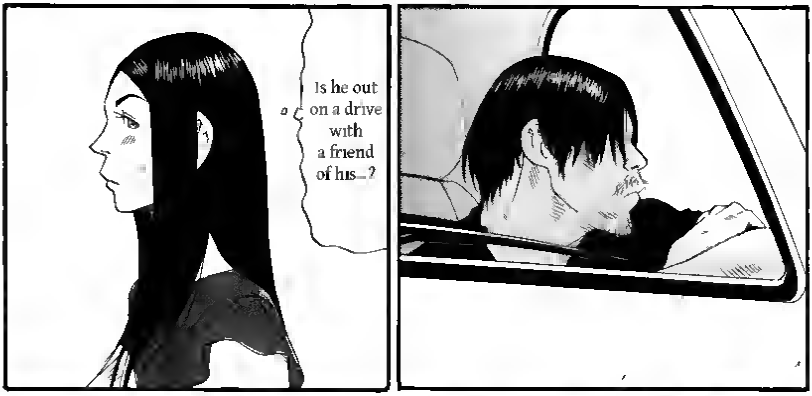
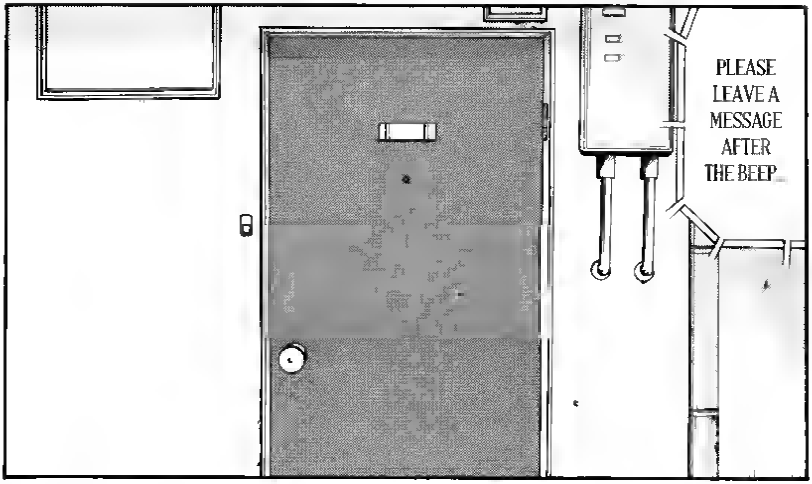
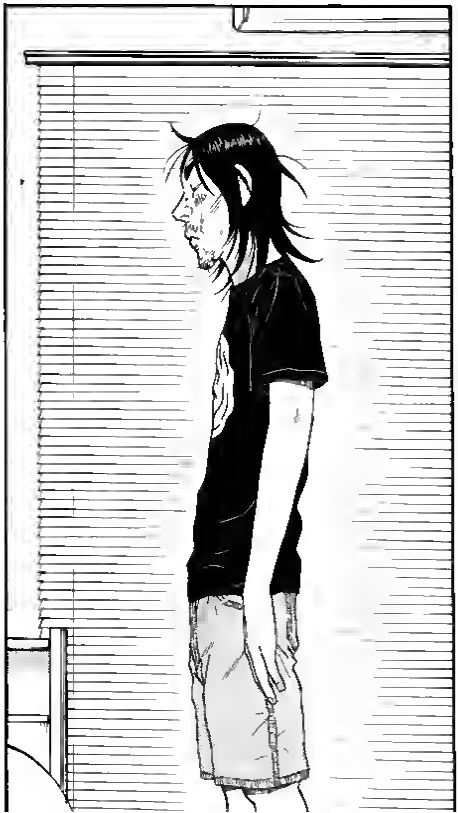
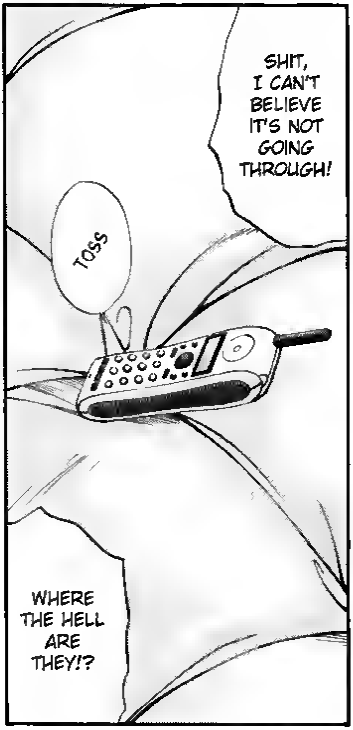

Is he out on a drive with a friend of his...?

I'm feeling so dejected right now.. so you'll have to excuse me..
Sorry .. I don't have the power in me to talk to you right now...

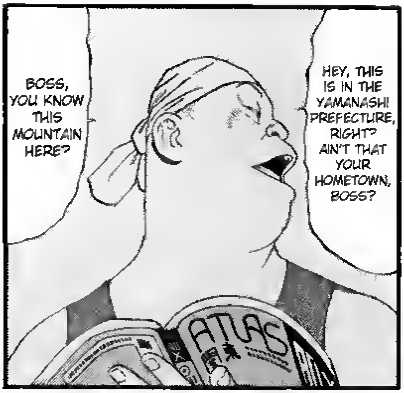

PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AFTER THE BEEP...

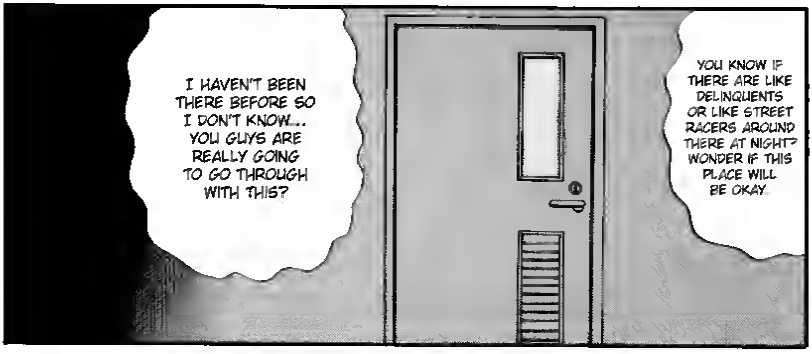


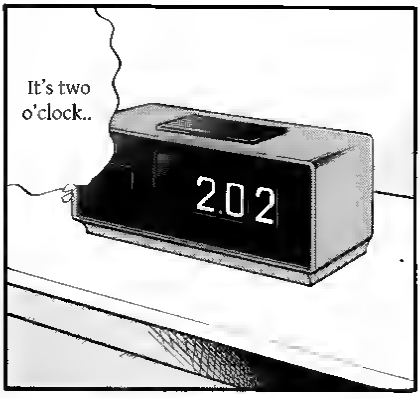

SHIT, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT GOING THROUGH!
TOSS
WHERE THE HELL ARE THEY!?

so they might have gotten into an accident, or worse case scenario..
they got caught by that yakuza..
They aren't at home..
And they didn't contact me either..
BUT ANYWAYS... THINGS ARE SCREWED... SOMETHING HAPPENED.
THOSE GUYS... REALLY WENT AND MESSED UP...
I-IT'LL BE FINE .. WHEN I WENT THERE BEFORE, ALL THEY HAD THERE WAS STUFF THAT YOU COULD MOVE AWAY BY HAND ..
HEY, IT SAYS HERE THAT ENTRY IS PROHIBITED IN THIS PLACE AT NIGHT. DOESN'T THAT MEAN WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET IN THERE?

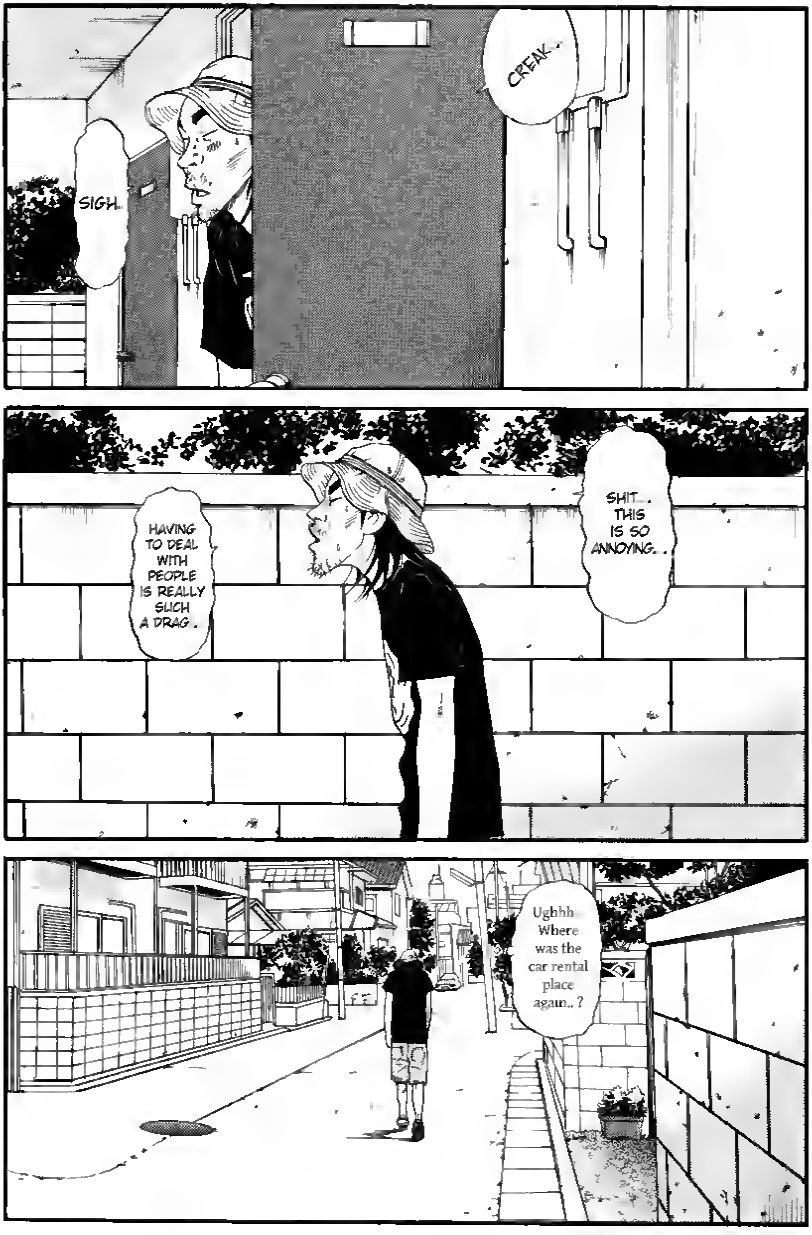
THIS ONE RIGHT HERE WE'RE GONNA GET RID OF THE SAFE HERE ON THIS MOUNTAIN!
WHICH ONE?


BOSS, YOU KNOW THIS MOUNTAIN HERE?
HEY, THIS IS IN THE YAMANASHI PREFECTURE, RIGHT? AIN'T THAT YOUR HOMETOWN, BOSS?


I HAVEN'T BEEN THERE BEFORE SO I DON'T KNOW... YOU GUYS ARE REALLY GOING TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS?
YOU KNOW IF THERE ARE LIKE DELINQUENTS OR LIKE STREET RACERS AROUND THERE AT NIGHT? WONDER IF THIS PLACE WILL BE OKAY.


It's two o'clock..
2:02

W-what should I do...?
As their boss... am I supposed to go look for them?
Uwaa-aaah!
Wait a sec!! The person driving was that idiot, Hanaba-yashi!
If he messed up while driving on the mountain then the car could've fell down the cliffs! That could totally happen with him!!
I think I should just wait a little bit more after all...
B-but... what's gonna happen if I do?
NRGGHHHHH!! THERE'S NO ESCAPING IT!! I'VE GOT MY HANDS, SHOULDER-DEEP IN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS!!
AND IT MIGHT BE THE CASE THAT IF I LEFT JUST 10 MINUTES EARLIER, THEN I COULD'VE SAVED THEIR LIVES!!


SIGH.
CREAK..
HAVING TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE IS REALLY SUCH A DRAG..
SHIT.. THIS IS SO ANNOYING..
Ughhh... Where was the car rental place again..?

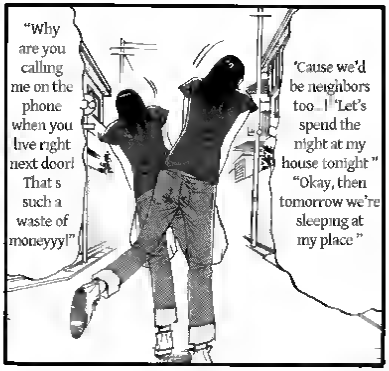
Chapter 20: Drive

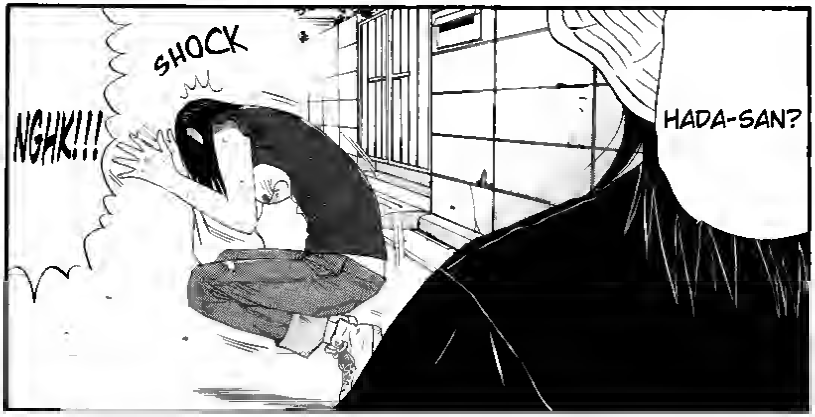
"Hey...! I'm in love with you!" God, I want to blurt it out...
Aghh... I want to come out and say it. If it's causing me this much anguish then I just want to find him and say it to him...

You never know unless you try... and that's why I was ready to crash and burn brilliantly and tell him how I feel today, but...
So why don't I say it...? Because I'm a coward...
And I don't have the money for that right now. And if it did happen...
I don't think I'd have the power in me left to move either...
Dealing with that heart break would require moving...
If he said no that would be the worst thing ever... I mean, he's my neighbor after all...
I'm trying to make sure I've got everything to be rejected before I confess that I've got feelings for him—I'm so messed up in the head!
Nghhh, this is so sad. I am so utterly pathetic...
After I save up money to move—and I'm at max physical capacity...
then I'll tell him how I feel.

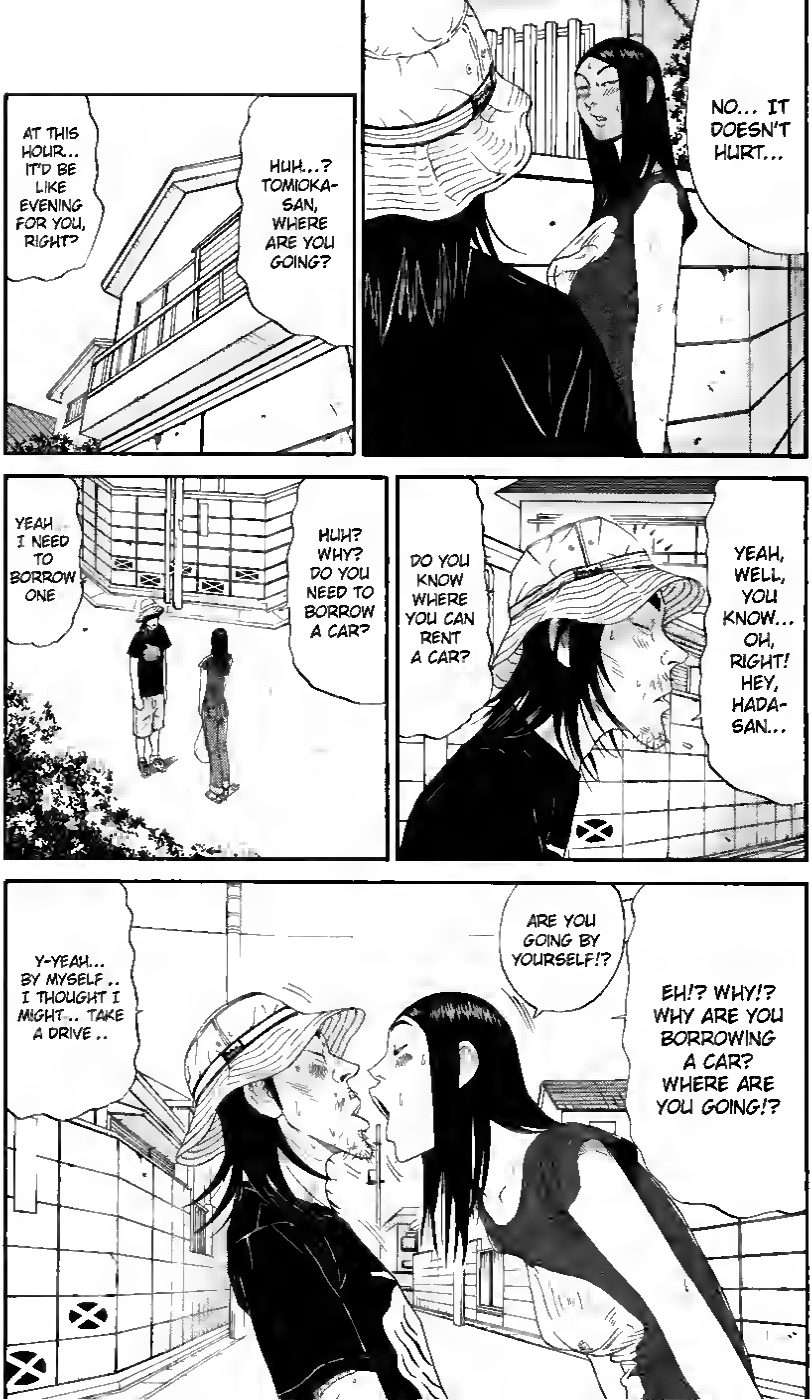
but is willing to go out with me anyways... that'd be so great...
But if the one in a million chance happens where Tomioka san is taken aback...
SIGH...
God, if that happened...
it'd be so awesome...

WOULDN'T THAT MEAN WE'D PRETTY MUCH BE LIVING TOGETHER!!?
GOD, THAT'S LEWD!! THAT'S SO SCAN-DALOUS!!


"Why are you calling me on the phone when you live right next door! That's such a waste of moneyyy!"
"Cause we'd be neighbors too...!" "Let's spend the night at my house tonight." "Okay, then tomorrow we're sleeping at my place."

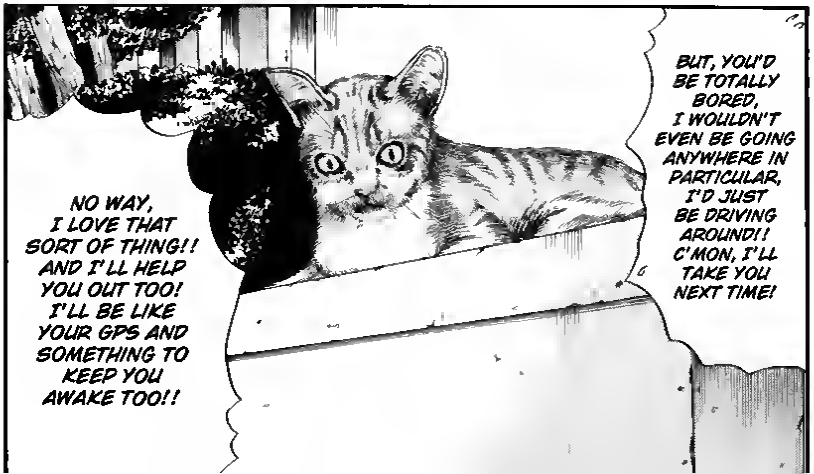

SHOCK
NGHK!!!
HADA-SAN?

DOES YOUR STOMACH HURT?
...? IS SOMETHING WRONG?


NO... IT DOESN'T HURT...
HUH...? TOMIOKA-SAN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
AT THIS HOUR... IT'D BE LIKE EVENING FOR YOU, RIGHT?
YEAH, WELL, YOU KNOW... OH, RIGHT! HEY, HADA-SAN...
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU CAN RENT A CAR?
HUH? WHY? DO YOU NEED TO BORROW A CAR?
YEAH I NEED TO BORROW ONE
EH!? WHY!? WHY ARE YOU BORROWING A CAR? WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
ARE YOU GOING BY YOURSELF!?
Y-YEAH... BY MYSELF.. I THOUGHT I MIGHT.. TAKE A DRIVE..

I WANNA GO ON A DRIVE TOOOO!!!
OHHHH, THAT SOUNDS SO NICEEEE! I WANNA GOOOOOO!!

IT'LL BE OKAY!! IF WE BOTH RENT IT THE COST WILL BE CUT IN HALF!! ONLY GOOD CAN COME FROM IT!!
HUH!? BUT... I NEVER DRIVE... AND I'M REALLY SLEEPY TOO! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS, MAYBE SOME OTHER TIME!


NO WAY, I LOVE THAT SORT OF THING!! AND I'LL HELP YOU OUT TOO! I'LL BE LIKE YOUR GPS AND SOMETHING TO KEEP YOU AWAKE TOO!!
BUT, YOU'D BE TOTALLY BORED, I WOULDN'T EVEN BE GOING ANYWHERE IN PARTICULAR, I'D JUST BE DRIVING AROUND!! C'MON, I'LL TAKE YOU NEXT TIME!

FROM THE HOUSE A YAKUZA KEEPS FOR HIS MISTRESS.
THE TWO PEOPLE THAT WORK UNDER ME WHO STOLE A SAFE
I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD SAY THAT.
I CAN'T TELL HER THAT...

She suddenly got all excited about it and insisted on going...
W-what do I do...? She ended up coming with me...
SFX: RUMBLE
WHY ARE WE HERE?
...I'd be in trouble for the same crime because I didn't stop them. That's freakin terrifying...
...If I told her what was going on, would she get mad? Would she report it?
I FIGURED, LIKE, MAYBE I SHOULD JUST GO BACK AND SEE WHAT'S UP...
AHH... WELL, IT'S WHERE I GREW UP...
SO WHY ARE WE SUDDENLY DRIVING OUT TO THE YAMANASHI AREA?
YOU SAID EARLIER THAT IT WAS JUST GOING TO BE LIKE A NIGHT DRIVE WITHOUT ANYWHERE SPECIAL IN MIND, DIDN'T YOU?
MAPS

R-ROOTS...? UH, YEAH, SURE .. YOU CAN CALL IT THAT, I GUESS...
ARE YOU LIKE, TAKING ME ON A TRIP TO SHOW ME YOUR HOMETOWN!!?
HUH!? WHAT THE HECK!? THEN ARE WE, LIKE, ON A TRIP TO FIND YOUR ROOTS!!?
MAPS
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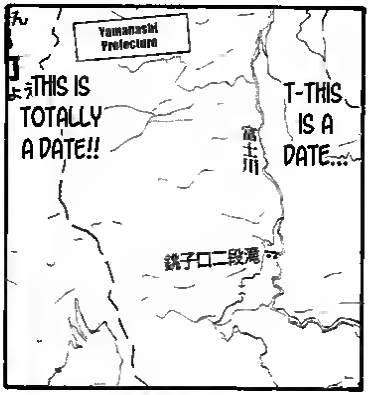
SOMETHING'S PROBABLY GOING TO HAPPEN!!!
AND THIS ISN'T JUST LIKE ANY DATE!! THIS IS SOME HEAVY STUFF!!


Yamanashi Prefecture
THIS IS TOTALLY A DATE!!
T-THIS IS A DATE...
富士川
銚子口二段滝

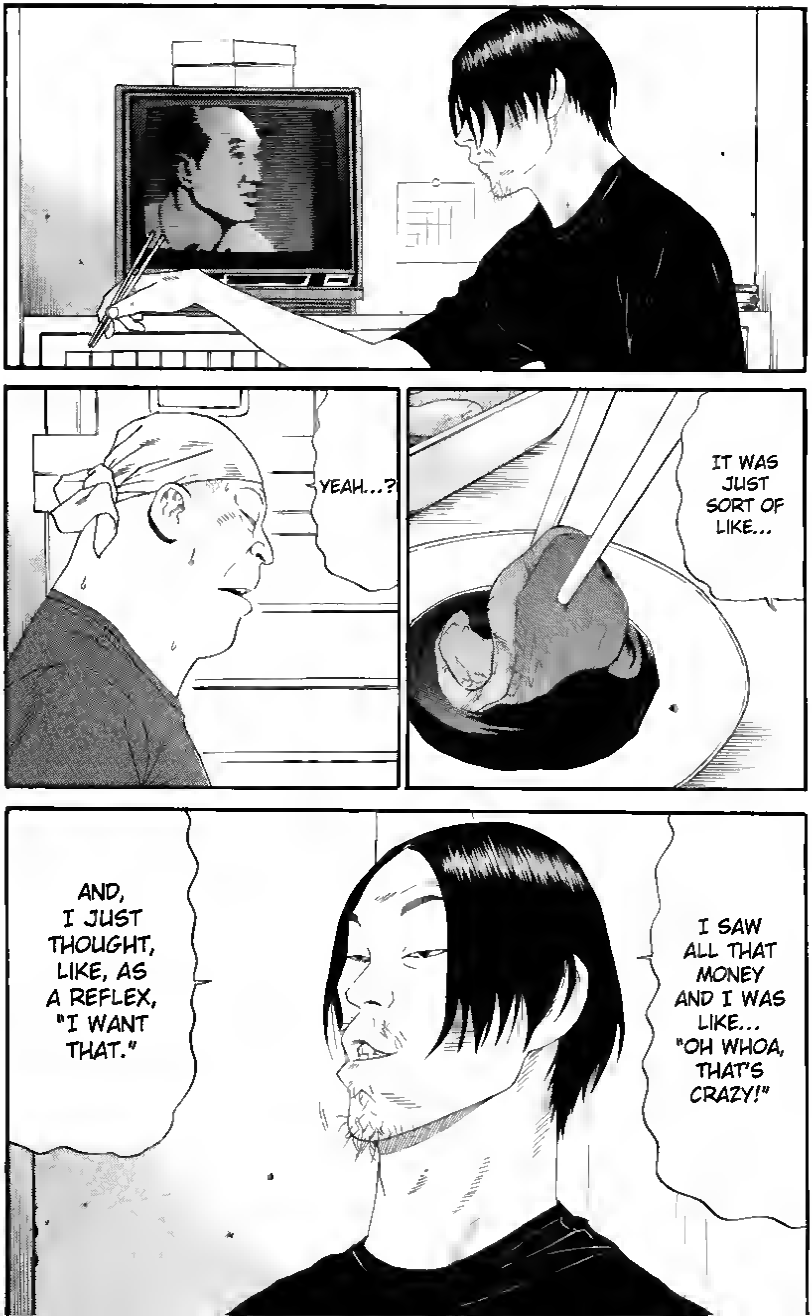
SFX: AWAWAWA
MAPS
I CAN'T TELL HIM YET! I HAVE TO WAIT TILL I HAVE ENOUGH MONEY SAVED UP TO MOVE!!
AHHH, GOD! NO, I CAN'T! I GOTTA KEEP IT DOWN!!
BOOKS

I'M DONE...
UH... EXCUSE ME...

YEAH...
YOU FINISHED?
YEAH... PRETTY MUCH.
AND THERE'S NO BLOOD LEFT OR ANYTHING?
...WANNA EAT?
YES...
NOW I CAN FINALLY TAKE A BATH...
THANKS..

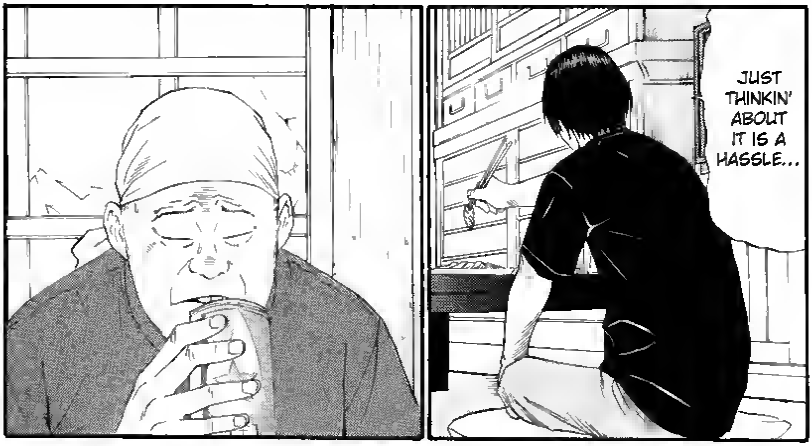
Y-YEAH... THANKS..
THANKS FOR YOUR WOOOORK.
HEY... SO WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THAT MIDGET?
HUH...?

HE DOESN'T SAY A THING AND HE DOESN'T WANT TO USE THE TOILET... AIN'T THAT A BIT TOO MUCH?
I MEAN, HE'S NOT EATING ANYTHING AT ALL. YOU THINK HE'D AT LEAST LIKE DRINK SOME WATER OR SOMETHING...
I THINK IT'S PROBABLY ALL PRETTY... DIFFICULT FOR HIM...
HE WAS LIKE .. IN LOVE WITH THAT WOMAN...
I THINK IT WAS PROBABLY A REAL BIG SHOCK TO HIM
AH, MAN, GUESS I SCREWED HIM OVER...
OH, I SEE... HE WAS IN LOVE WITH HER, HUH...?

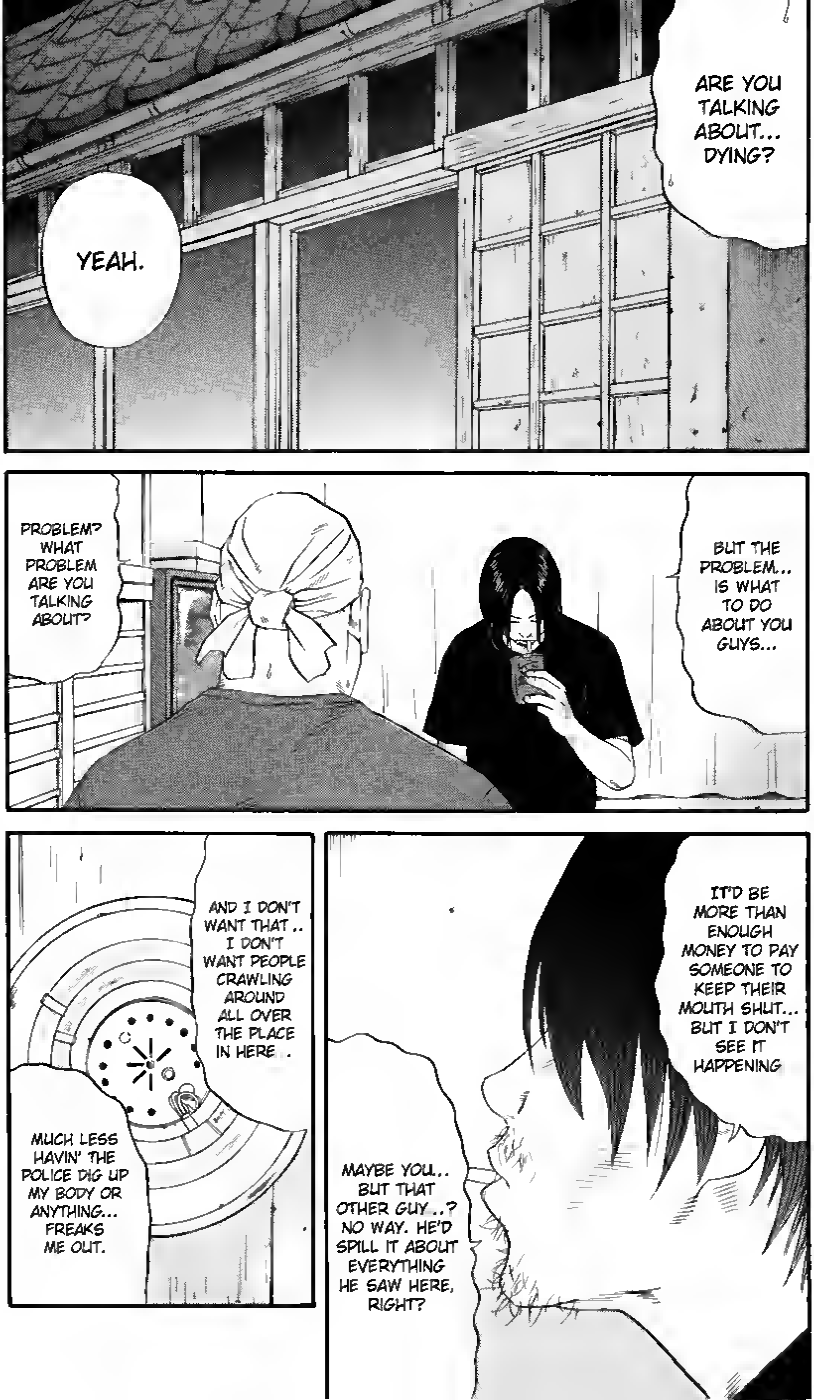

YEAH...?
IT WAS JUST SORT OF LIKE...
AND, I JUST THOUGHT, LIKE, AS A REFLEX, "I WANT THAT."
I SAW ALL THAT MONEY AND I WAS LIKE... "OH WHOA, THAT'S CRAZY!"

BUT, YOU KNOW... I DON'T REALLY NEED IT...

WITH THAT MUCH... YOU COULD GO TO SOME COUNTRY WHERE STUFF IS CHEAP AND BE PRETTY WELL OFF, BUT...
I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE DOING THAT AT ALL...

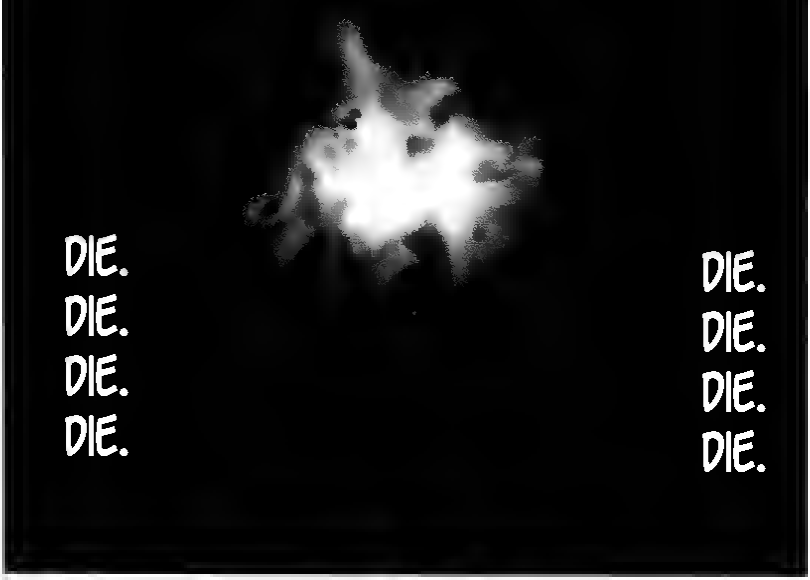

JUST THINKIN' ABOUT IT IS A HASSLE...

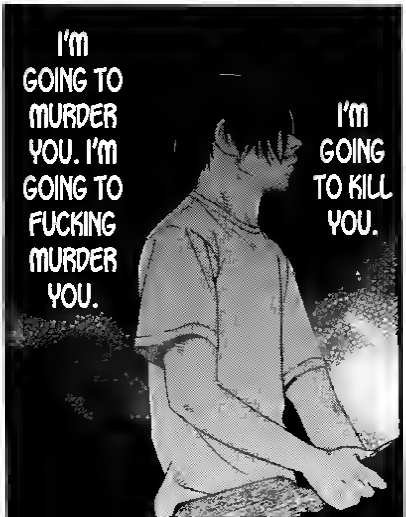
I'LL... GIVE THAT MONEY TO YOU GUYS.
HUH?
I THINK I'M JUST DONE WITH THIS...
I'M DONE WITH IT ALL...


ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT... DYING?
YEAH.
PROBLEM? WHAT PROBLEM ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BUT THE PROBLEM... IS WHAT TO DO ABOUT YOU GUYS...
AND I DON'T WANT THAT.. I DON'T WANT PEOPLE CRAWLING AROUND ALL OVER THE PLACE IN HERE .
MUCH LESS HAVIN' THE POLICE DIG UP MY BODY OR ANYTHING... FREAKS ME OUT.
IT'D BE MORE THAN ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY SOMEONE TO KEEP THEIR MOUTH SHUT... BUT I DON'T SEE IT HAPPENING
MAYBE YOU.. BUT THAT OTHER GUY..? NO WAY. HE'D SPILL IT ABOUT EVERYTHING HE SAW HERE, RIGHT?

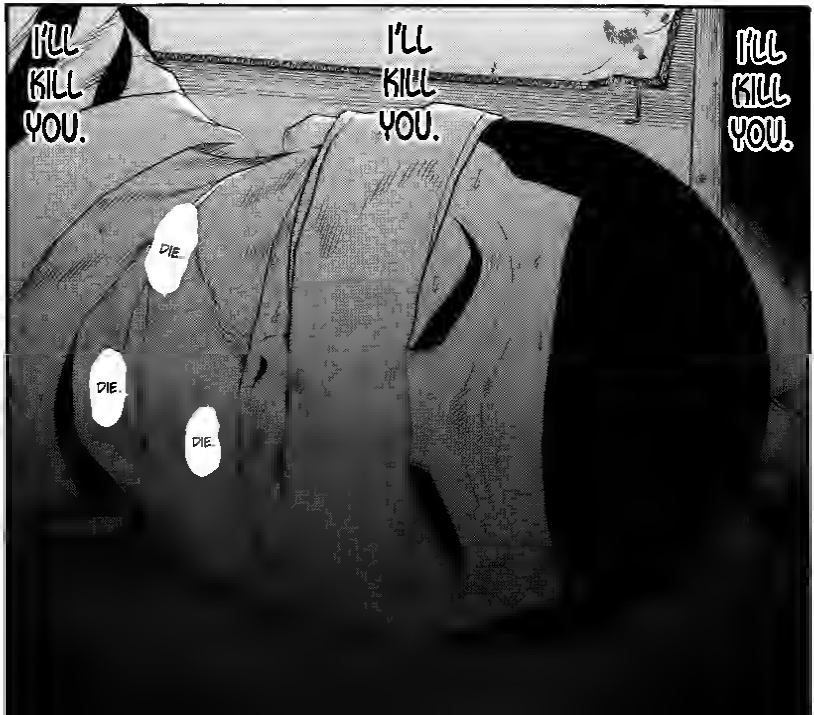
YOU'VE GOT A CHANCE TO GO HOME WITH ALL THAT MONEY AFTER YOU BURY ME NICELY...
BUT TO DO THAT YOU'RE GOING TO NEED TO WIN OVER MY TRUST...
YOU HAVE TO KILL THE SHORTY.

Chapter 21: Traces They Were There





DIE.
DIE.
DIE.
DIE.
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU. I'M GOING TO FUCKING KILL YOU.


I'LL KILL YOU.
I'LL KILL YOU.
I'LL KILL YOU.
DIE.
DIE.
DIE.

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SFX VRMMM
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SFX VRMMM
YOUR HOMETOWN IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THESE MOUNTAINS...?
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Damn— Jo
Ignored again—
MAR

CAN YOU TELL ME...? THE ROADS ARE REALLY WINDY RIGHT NOW SO I'M COMPLETELY FOCUSED ON THAT.
HEY... IF YOU SEE LIKE, BROKEN GUARDRAIL OR... ANYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN AN ACCIDENT...

An accident ?
OKAY...

SFX: PULL IN

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WE'RE FINALLY HERE...
PHEW, SORRY...

SCREECH

YEAH, WE'RE HERE... I WAS LOOKING FOR THE PARKING LOT THIS ENTIRE TIME...
WE'VE ARRIVED AT THE DESTI-NATION?

SFX: OPEN
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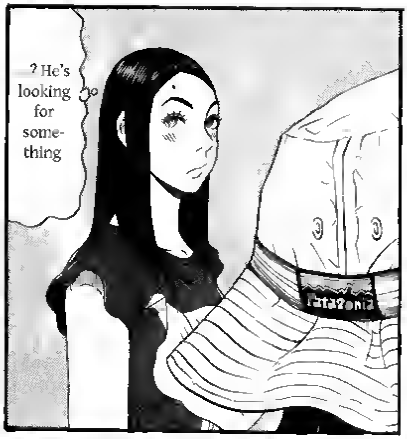
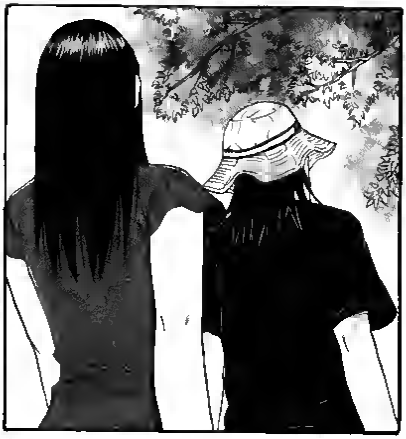
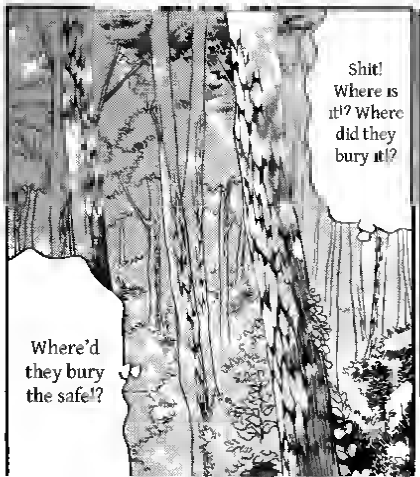
SOMETHING LIKE THAT... LET'S TAKE A WALK AROUND HERE...

WAS THIS PLACE SPECIAL TO YOU WHEN YOU WERE GROWING UP OR SOMETHING?
IS THERE... SOMETHING SUPPOSED TO BE HERE?


...? He's looking for some-thing



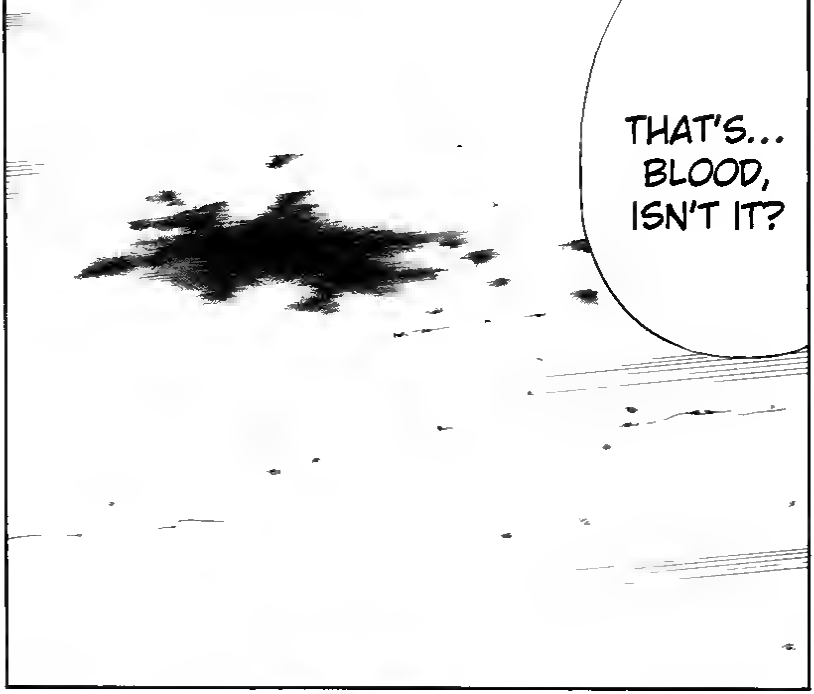

Shit! Where is it!? Where did they bury it!?
Where'd they bury the safe!?

Huh? Then is he going to do something that you can't do when people are around?
He's not checking to see if there's anyone around or not, is he?

Wait a sec, did they even make it out here?
They might have been caught by the yakuza before that...

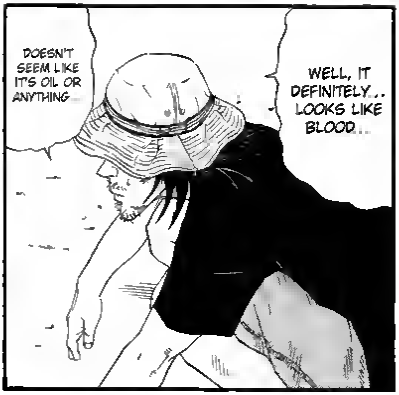
HRM?
HUH...? HEY, TOMIOKA-SAN?

...WHAT IS IT?

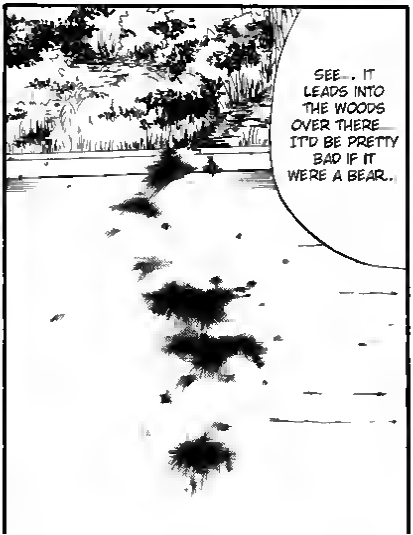

THAT'S... BLOOD, ISN'T IT?

WHAT!?

DID AN ANIMAL GET HIT BY A CAR OR SOMETHING?


DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT'S OIL OR ANYTHING...
WELL, IT DEFINITELY.. LOOKS LIKE BLOOD...

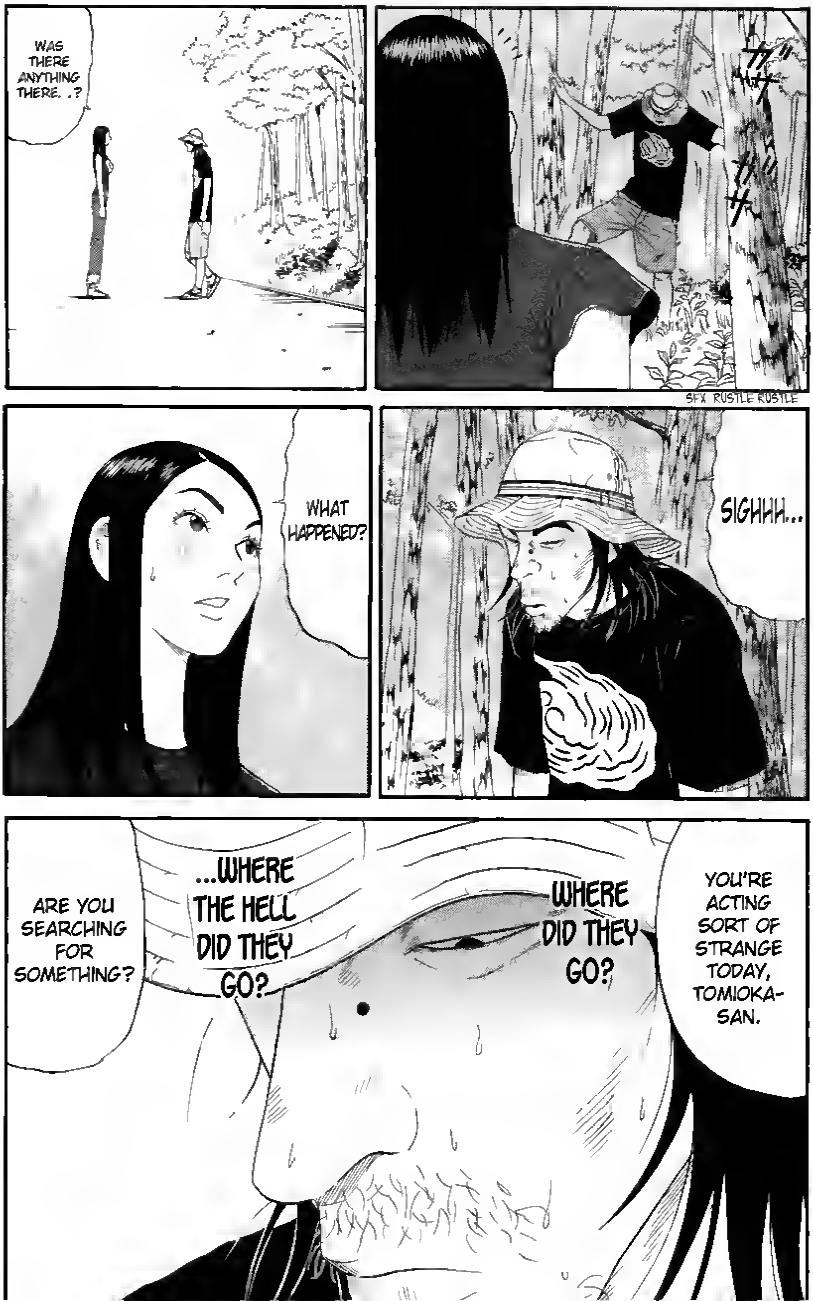
YOU WAIT HERE, HADA-SAN..
I'M GOING TO GO TAKE A LOOK..
EH!?


SEE... IT LEADS INTO THE WOODS OVER THERE... IT'D BE PRETTY BAD IF IT WERE A BEAR..

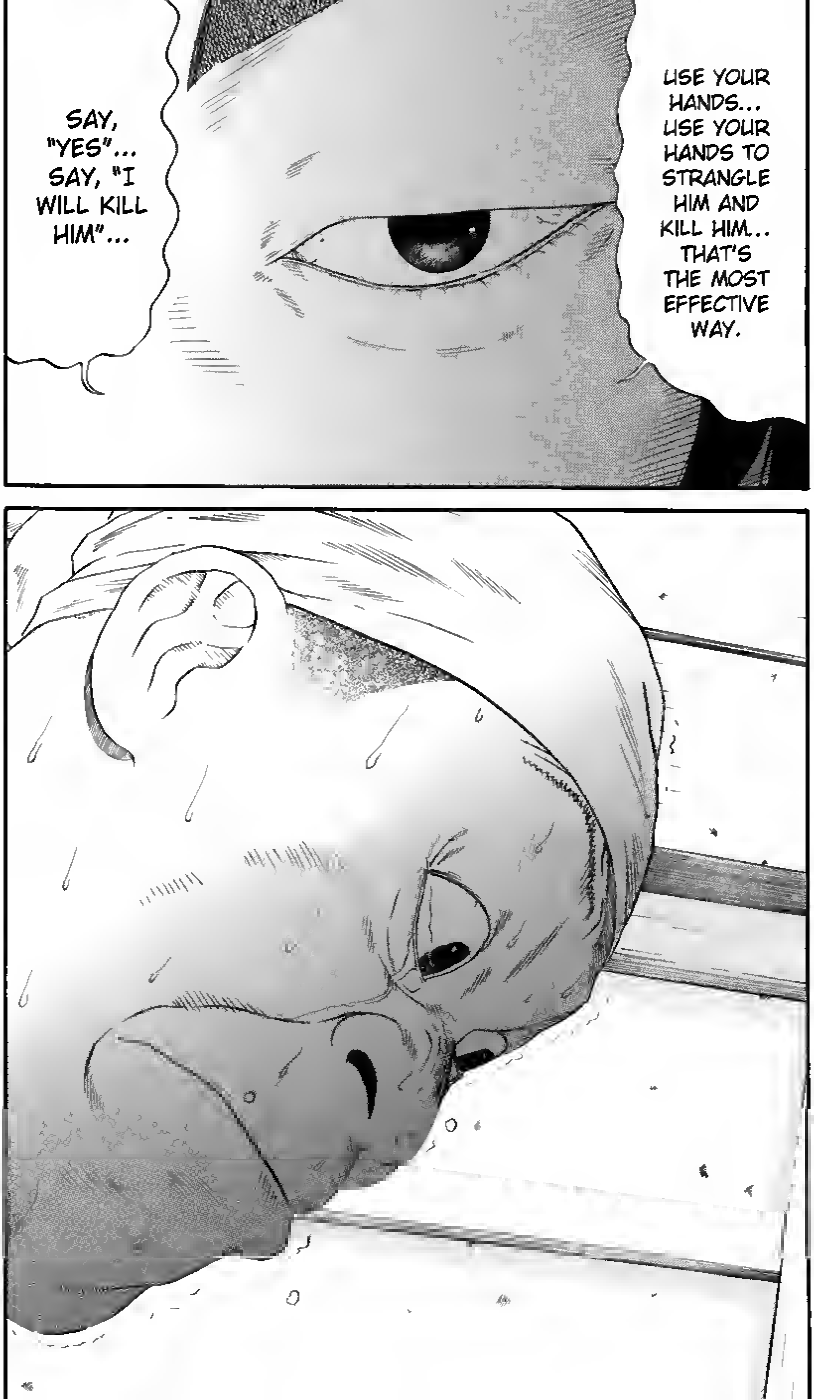
IT'LL BE FINE, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.. JUST STAY THERE.
THAT'S DANGEROUS, TOMIOKA-SAN! DON'T DO IT!
SEX RUSTLE
HUFF HUFF
SEX RUSTLE RUSTLE
SEX RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE
OH!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

IT'S HERE...

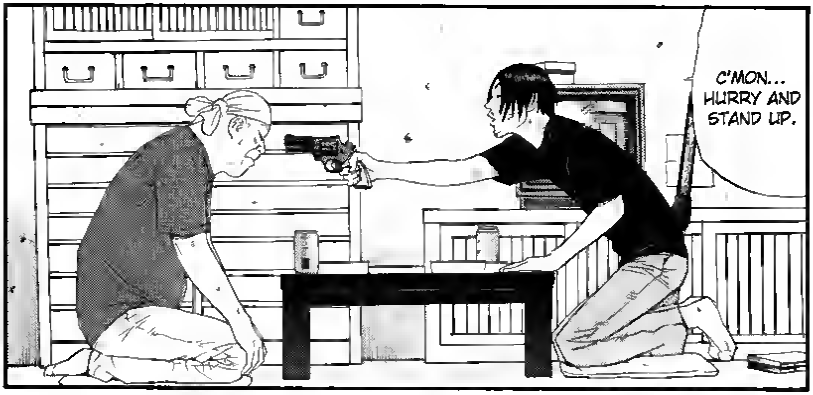

WAS THERE ANYTHING THERE. .?
SFX RUSTLE RUSTLE
WHAT HAPPENED?
SIGHHH...
YOU'RE ACTING SORT OF STRANGE TODAY, TOMIOKA-SAN.
ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING?
...WHERE THE HELL DID THEY GO?
WHERE DID THEY GO?

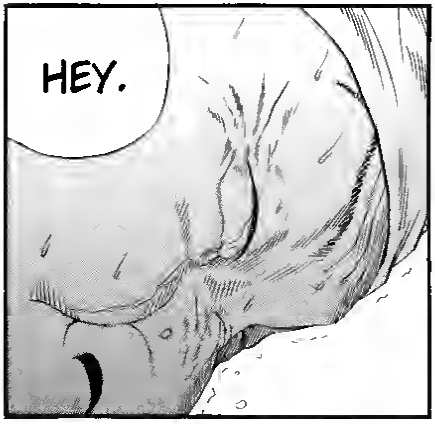
YOU'RE ALREADY IN ON THIS...
YOU GET IT? YOU'RE AN ACCOMPLICE.
YOU KILL THE LITTLE GUY... THAT'S AN ORDER.. IF YOU REFUSE, I KILL YOU.
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY COMPLAINTS EITHER. I'LL TAKE THAT AS YOU SAYING NO AND KILL YOU RIGHT THERE.


SAY, "YES"... SAY, "I WILL KILL HIM"...
USE YOUR HANDS... USE YOUR HANDS TO STRANGLE HIM AND KILL HIM.. THAT'S THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY.

THINK ABOUT IT... WHAT WOULD YOU PREFER? TO GO HOME WITH A 100 MIL OR TO BE KILLED RIGHT HERE...? THE ANSWER'S EASY, RIGHT?
AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT'LL BE LEAVING ALIVE. NOBODY'S GOING TO KNOW AT ALL.
W-
W-WHEN...?
HM? WHAT'S THAT?
W-WHEN ARE YOU TELLING ME TO KILL...
AME-KAWA..?
NOW! RIGHT NOW!

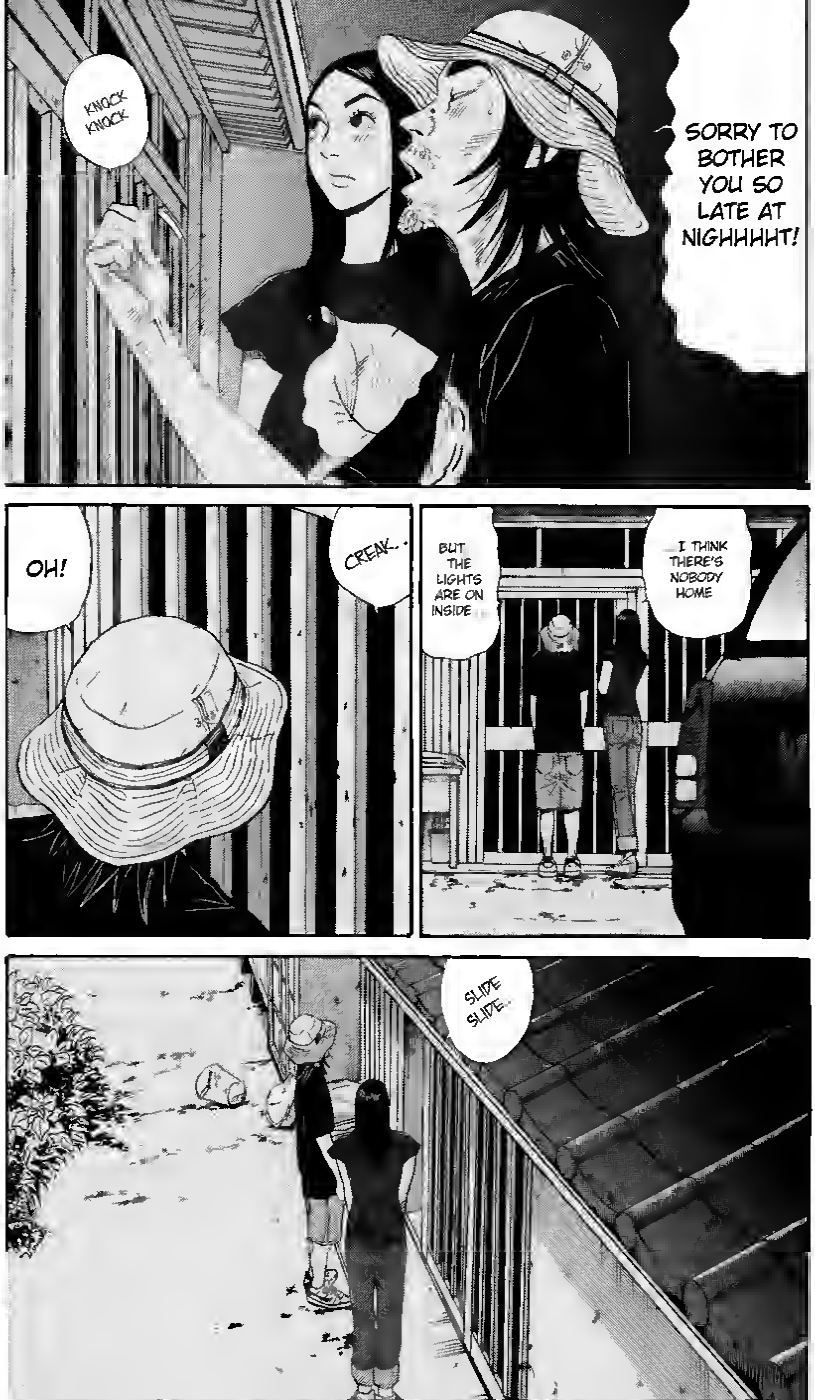
WE'RE GOING.
KLACK
HEY, STAND UP.


C'MON... HURRY AND STAND UP.

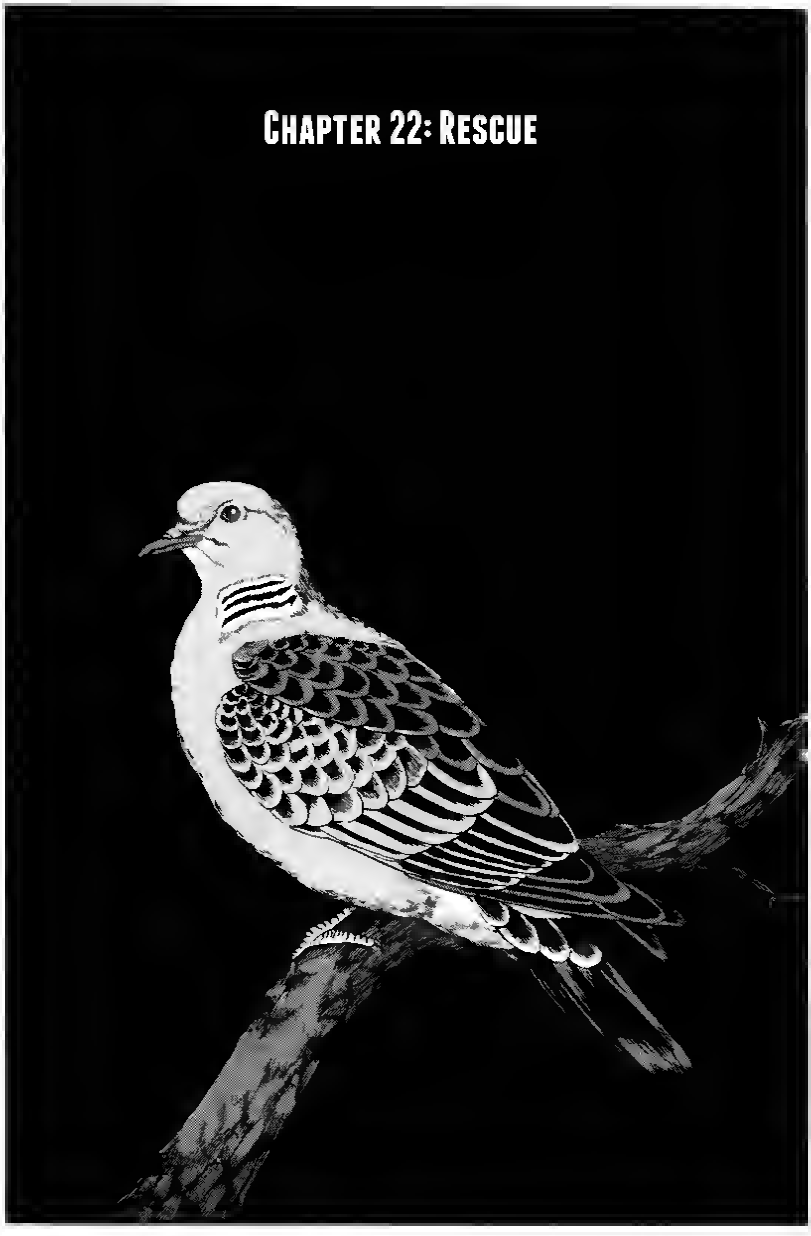

HEY.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

HEY!
!!!
BAM
BAM
KNOCK
KNOCK
...EXCUSE
MEEEE!


KNOCK KNOCK
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU SO LATE AT NIGHHHHT!
OH!
CREAK...
BUT THE LIGHTS ARE ON INSIDE
I THINK THERE'S NOBODY HOME
SLIDE SLIDE...

Chapter 22: Rescue



SLIDE...

Huh?
UH. EXCUSE ME, COULD I HAVE A SECOND OF YOUR TIME .?

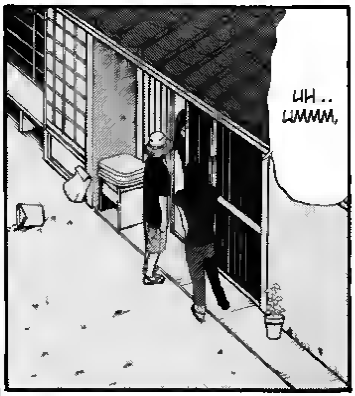
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

COMING FROM OVER THERE?
UH... DID YOU HEAR ANY STRANGE SOUNDS YESTERDAY NIGHT...

I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING AT ALL..
NO, NOT REALLY..

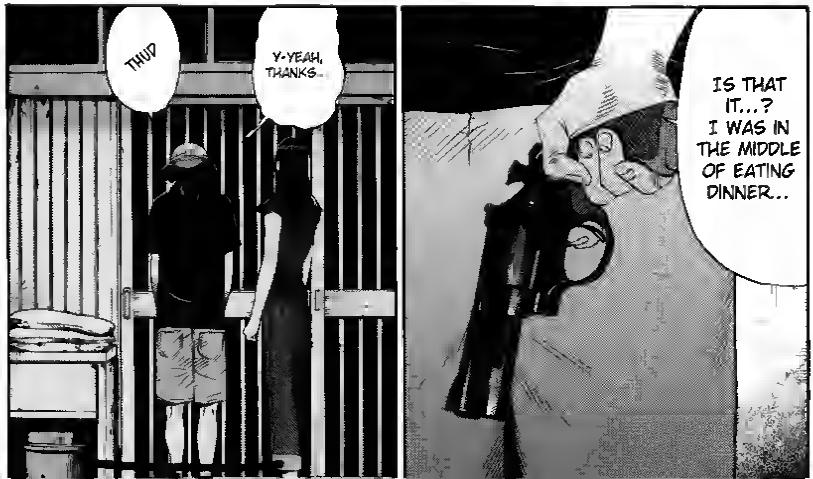
LIKE SOMETHING THAT SOUNDED METALLIC, OR ANYTHING REALLY....
STRANGE SOUNDS...? WHAT KIND OF SOUNDS?

IN THAT BIG WHITE CAR OVER THERE...?
YOU... WERE DRIVING AROUND WITH HANABAYASHI-KUN IN THE AFTERNOON TODAY, RIGHT?


UH.. UMMM,

THINK YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG PERSON
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HUH?

I JUST TOLD YOU, YOU GOT THE WRONG PERSON...
BUT... WHEN I WAS ON MY WAY BACK HOME...

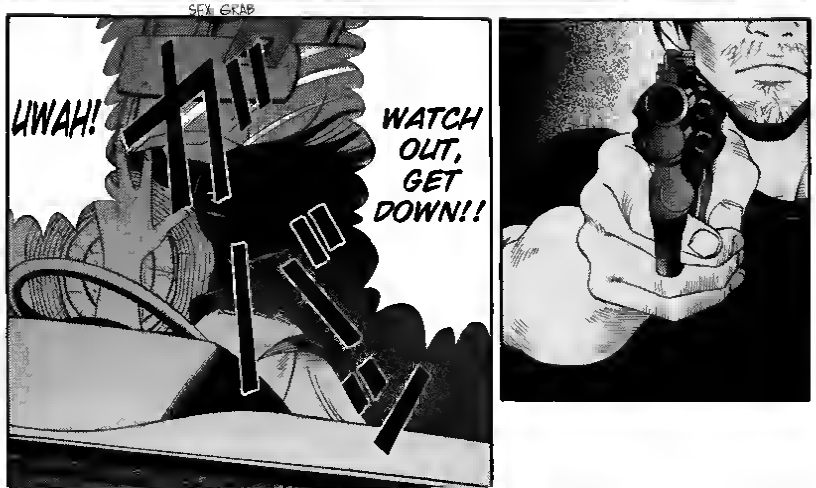

THUD
Y-YEAH, THANKS...
IS THAT IT...? I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF EATING DINNER...

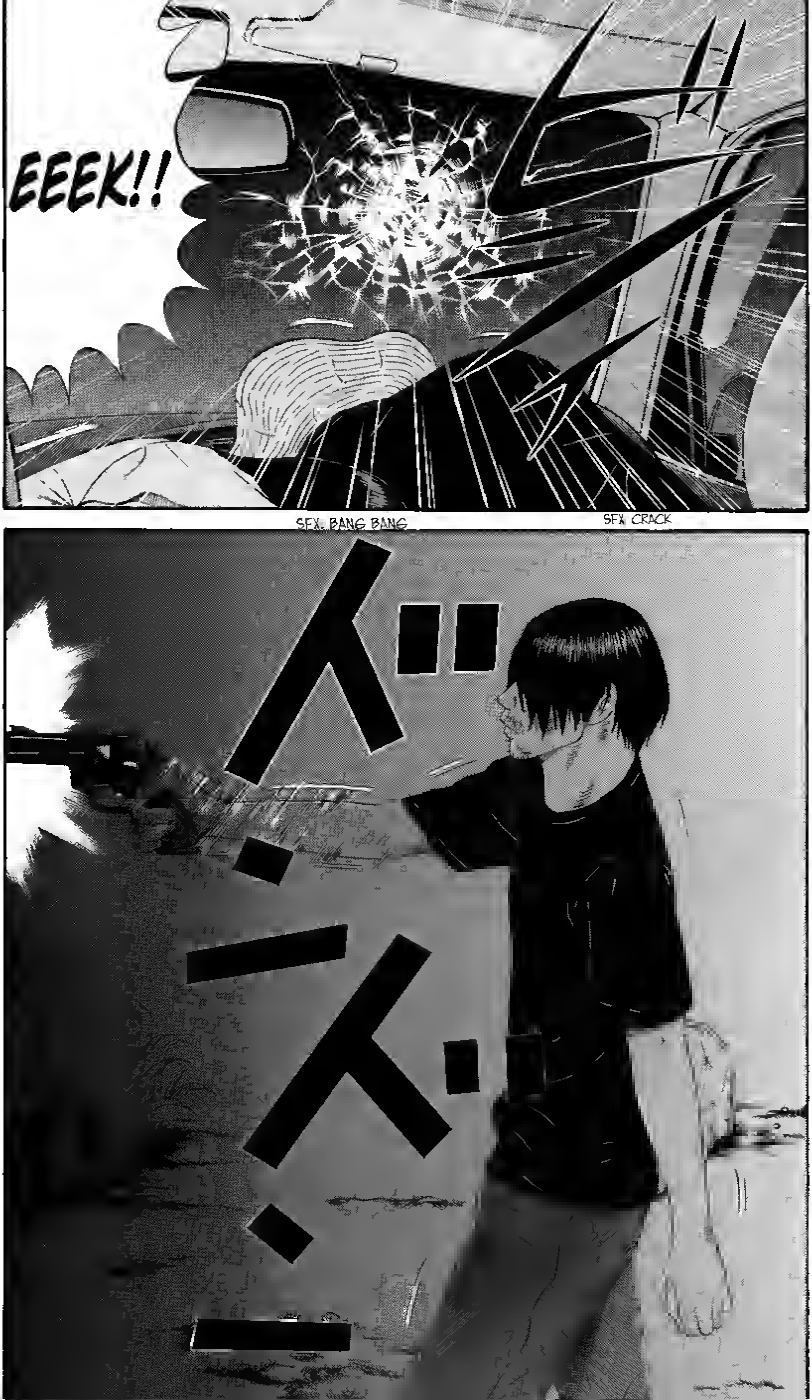
I SAW THAT PERSON TODAY!
TOMIOKA-SAN... I'M SURE OF IT
THAT GUY IS WEIRD! WHY'D HE LIE ABOUT THAT!?
I DEFINITELY SAW THAT PERSON BEFORE!
STEP STEP
SFX: TREMBLE TREMBLE
HANABAYASHI'S SHOES... WERE IN THE ENTRANCE OF THE HOUSE...
THEY WERE THERE...
HUH!?

SFX: TREMBLE TREMBLE
CLING CLING
DOES THAT MEAN YOU YOU WERE LOOKING FOR HANABAYASHI-KUN ALL DAY TODAY?
HUH? THEN DOES THAT MEAN HE'S INSIDE THE HOUSE THEN?
SFX: TREMBLE TREMBLE
WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE... FOR NOW WE GOTTA GO...
RUMBLLLE
RUMBLLE
T-THIS IS BAD... THIS IS REALLY BAD...
AH!!
SLIDE
WHAT...? TOMIOKA-SAN, ARE YOU HIDING SOME-THING...?

WHAT!!?
LOOK! THAT GUY IS COMING OUT!!

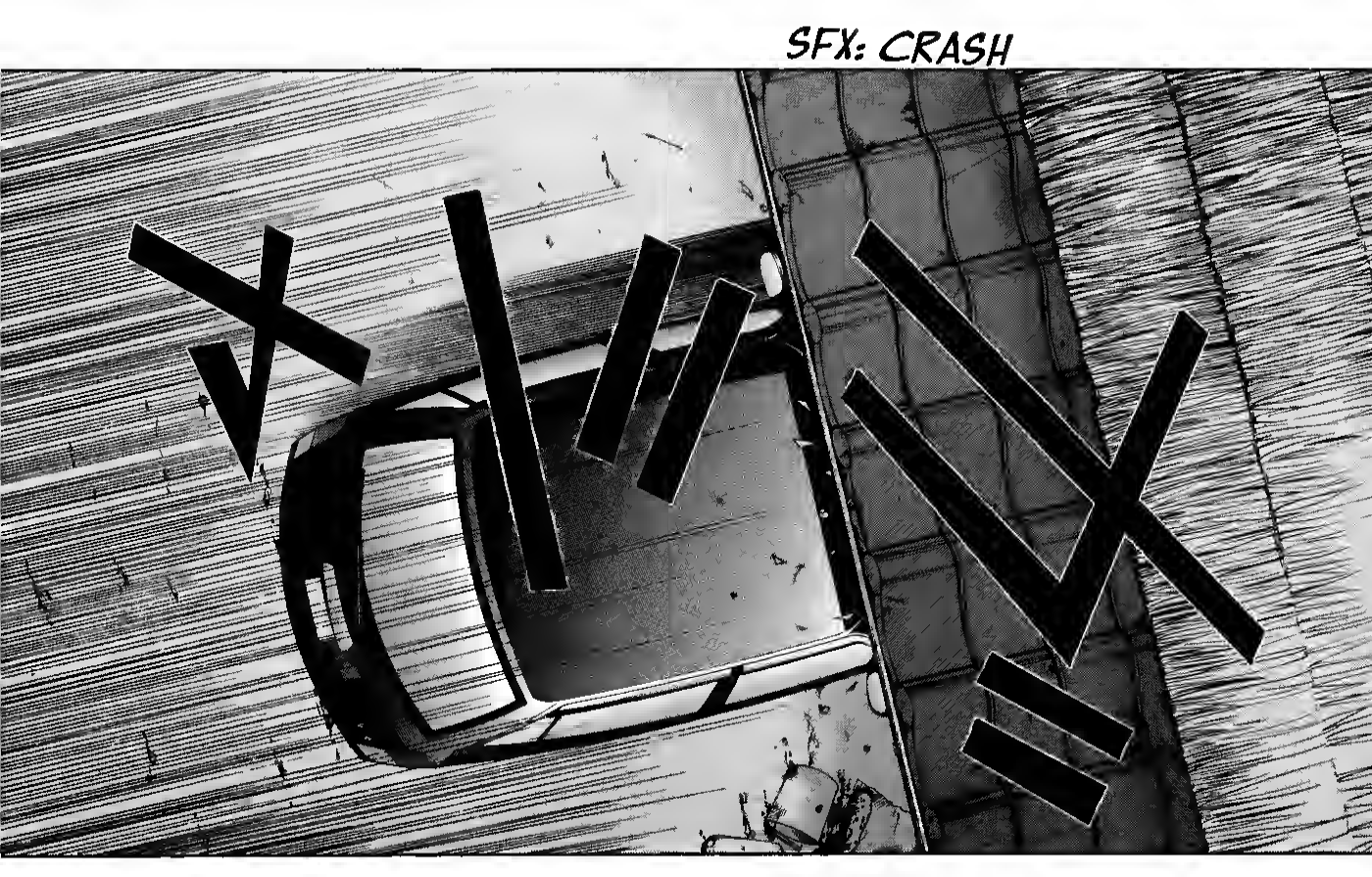
HE'S GOT SOMETHING IN HIS HAND!!

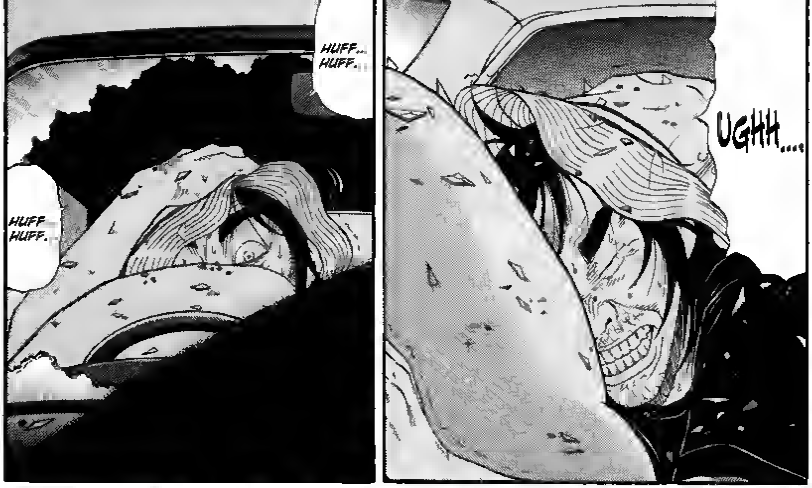

SFX: GRAB
UWAH!
WATCH OUT, GET DOWN!!


EEEK!!
SFX: BANG BANG
SFX: CRACK

THUMP
CRACK
CLUNK
GRAB
WHAM
TOMIOKA-SAN, THE CAR!! START THE CAR!!
SFX: WHOOSH
!!!

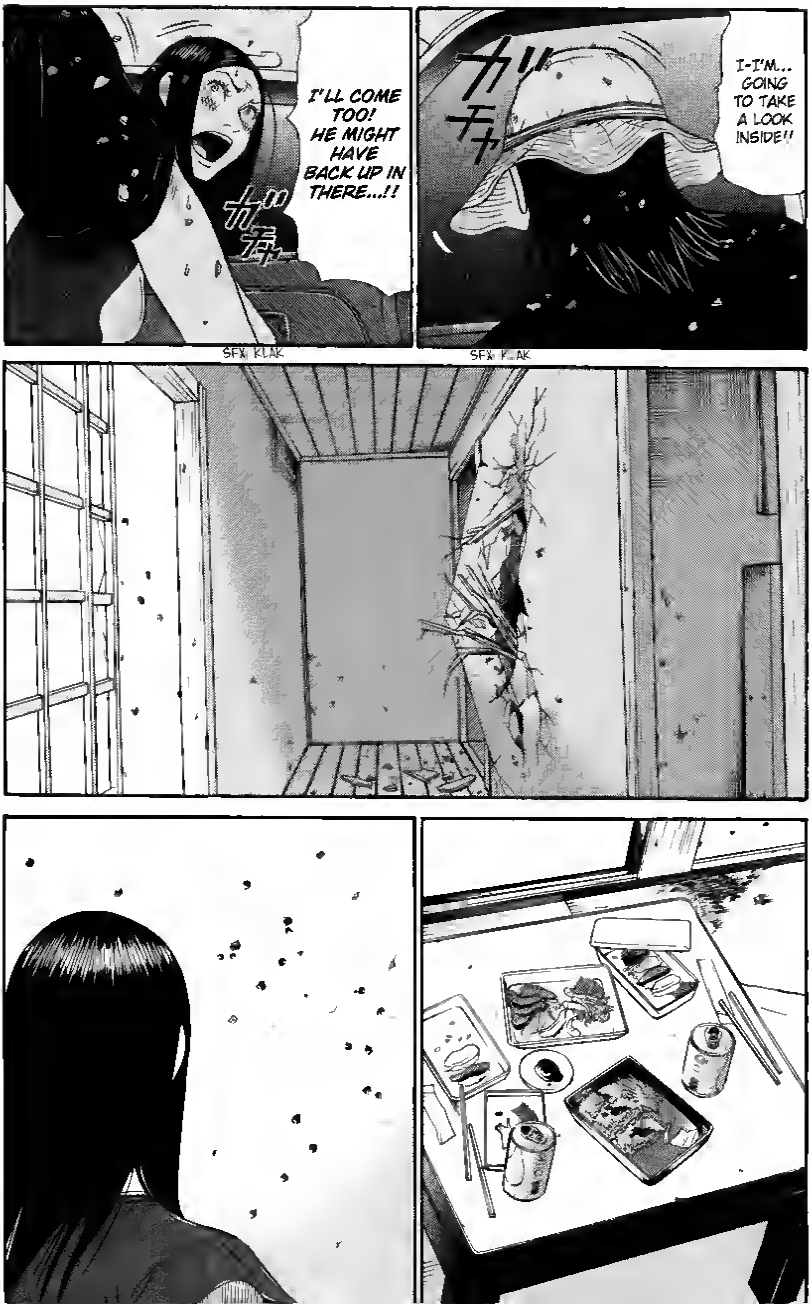
SFX SLAM
SFX WHOOSH
SFX WHOOSH
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.


SFX: CRASH


HUFF... HUFF...
HUFF... HUFF...
UGHH...

OUGHH.

I- I'M... FINE...
A-ARE YOU OKAY, HADA-SAN...?


I'LL COME TOO! HE MIGHT HAVE BACK UP IN THERE...!!
I-I'M... GOING TO TAKE A LOOK INSIDE!!
SFX: KLAK
SFX: KLAK

SLIDE
UGH
WHAT HAPPENED HERE...?
UGHH
UGHH
MM... MMRGH!! MMGH!!
I GOT IT, I GOT IT! I'M GETTING THEM OFF RIGHT NOW SO STAY STILL!
HEY, HANA-BAYASHI, IT'S ME!! TOMIOKA!! ARE YOU OKAY!?

BOSS, AMEKAWA!! AMEKAWA'S IN THE SHED OUTSIDE!!
THE SHED!? OKAY, I'LL GO GET HIM!!

SFX: CREAK
ギィ…

ARE YOU... OKAY?
HEY... AMEKAWA?
I'LL SET YOU FREE! EVERY-THING'S FINE NOW...
D-DON'T WORRY! IT'S OKAY NOW...
RIP
RIP
TEAR
I'LL KILL YOU...
I'LL KILL YOU...

Wanitokagegisu

To be continued
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あなたは、この本を読んで、どんな感想をおもちになりましたか。

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Look forward to the next volume. Have fun!

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